Mrs. Jas. Holmes.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR!

God grant you courage this coming year;
Fruit for your striving; friends if you roam;
Joy in your labour; love in your home;
And a summit to clear!

(M. Scovel)

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by MISS LILY MACARTHUR

MISS MACARTHUR

(All who attended the Annual Council Meeting in Stratford, Ontario, last May, will remember the help and inspiration received each morning, at the Services of Worship, conducted by our own Miss Lily Macarthur, who, for many years, served as Deaconess, with the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and is now retired from active service with the Society, and living in Goderich, Ontario. We are most grateful to Miss Macarthur for her kind permission to publish these four Services of Worship in "The Glad Tidings", and so bring to all our readers the opportunity of sharing in their value, both personally, and perhaps by using them in their own Auxiliary Meetings. This is the Opening Service, and the others will appear each month.)

THEME — "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Timothy 2: verses 2-15

CALL TO WORSHIP — Hear the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 1-18) "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

PRAYER HYMN — NO. 323

"Jesus stand among us
In thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day. Amen"

For the Scripture, this morning, we will read the Theme-Verse in several translations —

In these words, Dr. James Moffatt, a recognized Bible Scholar, translated this verse — "Do your utmost to let God see that you at least are a sound workman, with no need to be ashamed of the way you handle the Word of Truth." ("The Word of Truth" is the Christian message as a whole.)

J. B. Phillips translates it this way — "For yourself concentrate on winning God's approval, on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of."

In the New English Bible, we read — "Try to show yourself worthy of God's approval, as a leader who need not be ashamed, driving a straight furrow in your proclamation of the truth."

The letter, from which this verse was taken, was written to Timothy, a young leader in the early Church, who was ordained the first Bishop of the Church of the Ephesians. The purpose of the letter was to check inroads of false teaching. By this time, the young Church was beginning to formulate a doctrine. The writer emphasized that a Christian Minister must show, in himself, what a true workman in the Church of Jesus Christ should be. There seems to be a double emphasis on "yourself". "You, at least, must be true to the Message the Church proclaims."

The workman is to be *approved of God,* and to win good opinions from his fellowman. Also, Timothy is to keep in mind the judgments to come. (Chapters 3 and 4). Although Timothy had known the Scriptures from childhood, and was a recognized Leader in the Church, the writer of the letter considered it necessary to remind him of the need to study.

Let us now think particularly of these words — "approved unto God." We may be "approved unto God" only because of what He has done for us in Jesus Christ. It does not seem reasonable for weak, wandering, sinful, men and women to expect the Righteous God to approve them, and their service. But it is not *reason*, which enables us to believe and accept God's approval; it is the gift of *faith*.

Before we ever thought of Him, God loved us, became Man, in Jesus Christ; lived, suffered, and died on the Cross, and rose, victorious over death. Before His death, He promised that the Holy Spirit would come, to teach, guide, and comfort. That promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came, and He is here today. He will abide within each individual who will receive Him. With Him, as Teacher and Guide, we may indeed become workmen "approved unto God".

CLOSING HYMN — NO. 272 (all six verses)

"Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed
With us to dwell."

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INVENTORY TIME!

In business, inventory of stock is taken at the end of the year, and the needs for the ensuing year are considered. Would it not be well for us to consider this principle in our Christian lives? Let us take stock of ourselves! What have we accomplished in the past year? What do we hope to accomplish in the coming year? What are our responsibilities? Perhaps a better translation of this word might be, "Response — Ability"!

In this troubled and changing world, we are turning our calendars to a New Year, but the most important thing in our lives has not changed at all. That is, *God's Love*. It is always around us, within us, and can work through us. This is made very clear in St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. Jesus said, "I, myself am nothing. It is the power of the Father that worketh through me." God's love does not flow only perpendicularly *to* us, but horizontally *through* us. The Cross is our symbol of this love.

We can reach out to the world through our love and faith in the brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God. Indifference; intolerance; fears; suspicion; and hostility — these are barriers which can be broken down through love and understanding, and we can be instrumental in bringing these things to pass. Let us commit ourselves to *justice*. In Proverbs, Chapter 3 —verse 13, we read, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."

Shall we yield, more fully this year, to His guidance? Are we going to seek anew to follow in Jesus' way, and to know that we, of ourselves, are nothing, until we allow the power and love of God to work through us? We must pray to feel this oneness with God, and to know that we, by His Grace, can be the means by which the power of God may be felt. What will be our "Response — Ability" in this year ahead? (World Evangel)

PRAYER

O God, our loving Heavenly Father, in whose divine mercy all time hath its beginning and its ending; Who are from everlasting unto everlasting, the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the great Almighty One; as a new year opens now before us, we come to Thee, Thy humble, trusting children of a storm-tossed world, asking for Thy blessing and Thy guidance in the days ahead, and seeking earnestly the sanctuary of Thy love and care. With grateful hearts we thank Thee, Lord, for Thy bountiful and abiding goodness toward us all the days of our lives, and pray that Thou wouldst give unto each one of us the calm of quiet hearts to feel the comfort of Thy touch, to realize the wonders of Thy love for all mankind, and to receive the miracle of Thy peace within our daily lives. Forgive us, O Father, wherein we have failed in what Thou wouldst have had us do for Thee; open wide our minds to hear Thy voice and know Thy will, and bestow upon us the strength and courage of understanding, tolerance and judgment which only Thou canst give.

We ask Thy blessing upon our Queen and all the Royal Family, Grant to them in every need Thy counsel and Thy strength.

Father, we beseech Thy blessing and Thy tender care for all who labour in Thy Church on earth, and very specially for those of Thy children in distant lands who have endured suffering and sorrow in Thy name. Be very near to them; comfort and sustain them with the knowledge of the unity of our prayers and fellowship in Thee, and grant, in Thy great mercy, that peace may come again for them, with freedom of worship and reunion with those they love. Bless all our ministers and missionaries, wherever they may serve for Thee. Protect and guide them, and speak through them, O Lord, the saving message of the Living Word.

We ask Thy special blessing on the Church we call our own; for those upon whom falls the responsibility of its leadership; for our own Missionary Society in all its branches and its aims, and for those who in its membership seek always with prayer and offerings to send Thy redeeming message of salvation unto all the far corners of this earth.

We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen. (L.M.C.)

New Year's Greetings from The President

by MRS. A. S. CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

THE FORWARD LOOK!

"LET THINE EYES look right on and let thine eyelids look straight before thee." Proverbs 4, verse 25.

As we approach a New Year, how often will we hear the words — "Happy New Year"? What do these words really mean? Perhaps you will agree with me when I say, to many people this has become an hackneyed expression! In looking over a very old Hymnal, the other day, I came across these words:—

"We greet with joy the glad New
Year,
We hail its dawn without a fear,
For Christ will guide us from
Above,
And fill us with His perfect love."

If I were asked to give you a Theme for the coming year, I think I would refer you to those words in Proverbs — Chapter 4, and verse 25 — which were spoken so long ago by King Solomon, the wisest of men. What do these words imply? "Let thine eyes look right on." Do they not mean having a forward look — looking ahead — going Forward?

If we are to accomplish anything in the coming year, we must *go Forward*. We must go forward to do new things, and to accomplish greater results in our *Leadership*. God has given to many of us the great responsibility of being leaders. We must remember that all leadership is God-appointed, and so its responsibility is to a higher Command than ourselves, or any appointed group. Someone has described true leadership as having the ability to bring out in others the ability to share, to grow, and to contribute to group life.

We must go Forward in our planning. Too many people keep looking back. The Founder of "The Saturday Evening Post" once wrote — "yesterday ended last night". So, 1961 has ended, and now we lift up our eyes to the sunrise of a new year. Each day of this year must be for us a clarion call to bigger and better days, in our planning for our future work.

We must go forward into a changing world. The Prime Minister of Britain, in speaking to his people some time ago, said, "We are facing the wind of change." This applies to us today, as we share in the responsibility of the total Mission of the Church. We must never be satisfied with ourselves, or our work. We must have an inner force that will keep us looking ahead, and driving us on. We must be willing to change our methods and our thinking, and to accept new ideas if it means the extension of God's Kingdom at Home and Overseas.

We must go forward with an enlarged vision. The pioneers, who founded our Society, had a wide vision. They looked into the future. They saw a great need. How much do we see? Let us, in this year 1962, enlarge our vision, so that we shall see the need for more giving of our time, our talents, and substance. It is only by our obedience to such a vision that we will be able to send forth workers into His vineyard.

Looking forward, we see how insufficient we are, of ourselves, to meet the demands our task will make upon us. Let us remember that we serve One, Whose Name is *Wonderful; Counsellor; The Mighty King; The Everlasting Father; The Prince of Peace.* We rely on this strength.

My wish for all of you in this New Year is that we will go forward, knowing, doing, and loving God's will.

"I asked the New Year for some
message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to
guide my feet,
I asked, and paused — he
answered, soft and low,
God's will to know!"

"Will knowledge then suffice,
New Year," I cried,
And, 'ere the question into silence
died,
The answer came — "Nay, but
remember, too,
God's will to do!"

Once more I asked, "Is there no
more to tell?"
And once again the answer
sweetly fell,
"Yes! This thing every other
thing above —
God's will to love!"

(Author Unknown)

TYPHOON RELIEF IN FORMOSA

W.M.S. members will be glad to know that, in response to a request for aid, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has contributed to Typhoon Relief in Formosa, from our Supply Fund, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

The Treasurer Presents The Estimates

GREATER KNOWLEDGE leads to greater understanding, and increased concern leads to increased effectiveness. For the many women who attended the Council Meetings this was so. The workshops provided a concise, yet interesting, informative, and challenging, outline of the Society's work and its needs. Since then, all of you have been affected, in some way, by the reports you have heard or read. Has it been a positive experience for you? Has it resulted in a deepening of your spiritual life? Has it led you to learn more about one of our fields of service? Has it increased your desire to serve in your individual Auxiliary, or to interpret the missionary task in your congregation, in your Community?

Meetings, in themselves, are worthless unless they inspire action. Today we require women who are committed to action. In spite of world tensions and uncertainty, the opportunity for Christian service remains in all fields where our missionaries are situated. Christian Nationals who want to help our missionaries can give to lay the solid foundations, so necessary for the ongoing witness of the Church. In our own land we need to be building. Our youth must be won for Him.

MRS. SINCLAIR

Your representatives at the Council Meetings accepted unanimously the Estimates, herein outlined. It is your task to pledge yourselves, wholeheartedly and unreservedly, to the fulfillment of this goal, $397,670.000 for 1962. It will not be easy, but it can be done if we go forth in His strength!

Helen P. Sinclair
Treasurer

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PRAYER

The hardest burden man must bear
Is oft-times lifted by silent prayer,
By love's soft touch, and tenderness,
And Faith, unyielding under stress.
(Selected)

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1962

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Frieda E. Matthews

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Lila Schneider, Mrs. G. P. Louie, Miss Kathryn Wu.
Toronto, Ontario: Miss Margaret Near, B.A., Miss Gee Bun Lee
Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung, Miss Annie Wilson, L.L.C.M.
Victoria, B.C.: Miss Dorothy Spring, Miss Grace Lee
Windsor, Ontario: Miss Elsie Lee
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 31,390.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario
Salaries and administration paid through Indian School Funds.

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver and New Westminster, British Columbia: Miss Ellen Douglas
Edmonton, Alberta:
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Mrs. G. W. Bradley
London, Ontario:
Montreal, Quebec: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 12,455.00

DEACONESSES AND INSTITUTIONS

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Miss Helen Ross, Salary paid through Indian School Funds
Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.: Miss Winnifred Ripley
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.: Miss Tamiko Nakamura
Fraserview Area, St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre: Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Mrs. Bessie Atlee
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta: Miss Hilda Blackwell
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan: Miss Ada Wade
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Miss Lillian Reay
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Manitoba: Miss Catherine Denholm, Miss Bernice Barker (Expenses Indian Account)
Winnipeg Fellowship House: Mr. R. Denholm, Mrs. R. Denholm
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ontario: Miss Athalie Read
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ontario: Miss Martine Jansen van Beek (New Work)
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ontario: Miss Hazell Davis, Miss Dorothy McCombie

Presbytery of East Toronto, Ontario: Miss Flora Whiteford, Miss Florence Goertzen
Presbytery of Montreal, Quebec: Miss Catherine Watson

Salaries and Maintenance		$ 48,950.00

IMMIGRATION

Miss Dorothy Lukes, and summer assistant		
Salaries and Expenses	$ 4,260.00	
Printing of Letters of Welcome and Social Welfare	200.00	
		$ 4,460.00
Maintenance of Missionary Vans		900.00
Student Deaconesses (3)		2,580.00
Transportation of Summer Workers		600.00
Executive Director: Salary	4,000.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Secretary	3,000.00	
		7,500.00
Contingency		1,800.00
NATIONAL TOTAL		$110,635.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

INDIA

Jhansi Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 7,700.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Educational	4,400.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	1,800.00	
Mission Business	450.00	
Jhansi Total	$ 6,650.00	$ 14,350.00
Bhil Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N.,		

Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N.	$ 24,100.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	2,680.00	
Medical — Mobile Units	4,800.00	
Educational — Schools and Hostels	5,590.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	550.00	
General Maintenance and repairs	5,000.00	
Mission Business	370.00	
Bhil Total	$ 18,990.00	$ 43,090.00
Co-operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:		
Mrs. L. W. Gehman	$ 2,700.00	
Grant to Vellore	1,150.00	
Ludhiana:		
Grant to Ludhiana Maintenance	1,600.00	
Miss A. Prendergast, Reg.N. (Balance of salary paid by Knox Church)	900.00	
Expenses	75.00	
Indore:		
Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.Sc.N. — Salary and Expenses	2,900.00	
Acherman: Hoyt Memorial Hospital, Jhansi	300.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	
		$ 10,675.00
India Total		$ 68,115.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:	
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan	$ 5,100.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Missionaries Rent	1,500.00
Car Allowance and other travel	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Deaconesses	2,000.00

Grant for Caribbean Curriculum	400.00	
	$5,550.00	
British Guiana Total		$ 10,650.00

AFRICA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T.	$ 5,100.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and Travel	750.00	
General Expenses	500.00	
Training Courses, etc.	1,000.00	
Contingency	200.00	
	2,450.00	
Africa Total		$ 7,550.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:		
Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., Miss Eileen Black	$ 15,700.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Girls' School, Tamsui	3,000.00	
Evangelistic — Bible Women	2,400.00	
Language Study	400.00	
Missionaries travel on field	1,500.00	
Maintenance of Property	600.00	
Mission Business	350.00	
Conferences	300.00	
Interpreter	360.00	
Rent (Miss MacKenzie)	780.00	
	$ 9,690.00	
Formosa Total		$ 25,390.00

KOREANS IN JAPAN

Christian Education Leadership	$ 8,900.00	
Young People's Camp (Rev. Wenchi Kim)	200.00	
Koreans in Japan Total		$ 9,100.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to Fields: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Miss Ida White, Miss Irene Stringer	$ 3,200.00	
Coming from Fields: Miss Lily Simpson, Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Helen Acton	2,100.00	
Cost of Living in Canada: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Helen Acton	1,600.00	
Travel in Canada for consultation with Council Executive	200.00	
		$ 7,100.00
Executive Director, Salary	4,100.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Secretary	2,800.00	
		$ 7,400.00
Overseas Contingency		1,000.00
Director's Administrative Visits (1962 Portion)		1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions C.C.C. and other grants		2,000.00
OVERSEAS TOTAL		$139,305.00

ORGANIZATION

Executive Director — Miss Louise Reith, M.A.

Executive Director
Departmental Secretaries:
  Adult Work
  Girls' Work (Paid by Board of Christian Education)
  Children's Work: Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc.
Regional Secretaries:
  Miss Ruby Walker, Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss May Nutt, Miss Clare Hanes, Miss Dorothy Keller, Miss Lois Powrie, Replacement (1)
Stenographic Secretaries:
  Miss V. Dunn, Miss M. McMullin (Part-time), Replacement (part-time)

Salaries and Expenses	$ 38,600.00	
Secretarial Expenses	7,500.00	
Secretarial Libraries	225.00	
Conduct of Committee Work, including the distribution of magazines for Girls' and Children's Work and Field Letters	1,285.00	
Deputation	2,500.00	
Camps and Conferences	1,500.00	
Training Projects	1,500.00	
Contingency	500.00	
ORGANIZATION TOTAL		$ 53,610.00

SYNODICAL GRANTS

British Columbia	$ 400.00	
Alberta	300.00	
Saskatchewan	250.00	
Manitoba	225.00	
Hamilton and London		
Toronto and Kingston	50.00	
Montreal and Ottawa	50.00	
Synodical Grants Total		$ 1,275.00

PUBLICATIONS

Executive Director — Mrs. A. J. Cherry

Executive Director, Mrs. A. J. Cherry
Assistant to the Director, Mrs. I. Spark
Stenographic Secretary, Miss F. MacPherson
Stenographer, Mrs. D. Hudson
Mailing Clerk, Miss C. Foran

Salaries and Expenses	$ 14,450.00	
Annual Report and Report Forms	4,400.00	
Glad Tidings	2,000.00	
Free Literature: To include — Promotion Leaflets, Complimentary subscriptions to Glad Tidings	950.00	
Annual Mission Report of G.B.M. & W.M.S.	350.00	
Public Relations Expenses: Glossy Prints and Council Publicity	150.00	
Contingency	300.00	
PUBLICATIONS TOTAL		$ 22,600.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	10.00	
Commission on Missionary Education of National Council of Churches	175.00	
Canadian School of Missions	1,100.00	
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00	
Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches	100.00	
Grants Total		$ 1,410.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Church School Material, British Guiana	$ 500.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, through National Christian Council	400.00
Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00
Christian Literature for India, "The Christian Home Magazine"	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Chinese, through Council of Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	500.00
Christian Literature for Latin America	500.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	550.00
French Literature in Canada, through French Advisory Committee	600.00
"L'Aurore" through French Advisory	500.00
Italian Literature in Canada, through Rev. Mariano di Gangi	300.00
Hungarian Literature "New Life"	500.00
Ukrainian Literature "Evangelical Truth"	1,000.00
The Kuban Cossack Magazine, through Rev. Michael Fesenko	500.00

World Christian Books Africa S.S. Curriculum Study Centres } Per D.O.M.	400.00	
The British and Foreign Bible Society	1,500.00	
Unallocated amount	500.00	
	$ 12,400.00	
From Legacy Fund	5,000.00	
		$ 7,400.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:		
Assistant to the Treasurer and Secretary	$ 3,200.00	
Bookkeeper (part-time)	1,450.00	
Stenographer	2,800.00	
Part-time help	1,450.00	
	8,900.00	
Office Rent	9,360.00	
Auditing	400.00	
General Expenses	5,300.00	
Travelling Expenses of Council Executive	1,500.00	
Life Membership	300.00	
Exchange	200.00	
	$ 17,060.00	
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		$ 25,960.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and equipment, including Camps, Vans and Liability Insurance		800.00

STUDENT WORK

Student Christian Movement:		
Brazil, Mexico and Chile	$ 1,100.00	
World Mission Committee	950.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	150.00	
		$ 2,275.00
COUNCIL MEETING, EXPENSES, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.		6,000.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION		1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF		2,400.00

SUPPLY FUND

Overseas Missions:		
Jhansi Field—		
Educational	$ 200.00	
Bhil Field—		
Evangelistic	1,200.00	
Educational — School and Hostels	1,030.00	
British Guiana—		
Leadership training	500.00	
Church School (supplies)	500.00	
Formosa—		
Medical Supplies	600.00	
Music Supplies	250.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
		$ 4,530.00
National Missions		4,000.00
Organization		500.00
SUPPLY TOTAL		$ 9,030.00

SUMMARY OF 1962 ESTIMATES

National Missions	$110,635.00	
Overseas Missions	139,305.00	
Organization	53,610.00	
Publications	22,600.00	
Synodical Grants	1,275.00	
Grants	1,410.00	
Christian Literature	7,400.00	
Administration	25,960.00	
Insurance and Taxes	800.00	
Student Work	2,275.00	
Council Meeting, Expenses, Transportation, etc.	6,000.00	
Audio-visual Education	1,000.00	
Medical Insurance for Staff	2,400.00	
General Contingency	500.00	
		$375,170.00

NEW WORK

National Mission	$ 5,000.00	
Overseas Mission	15,000.00	
Organization	2,500.00	
		$ 22,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATE		$397,670.00

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Your Prayers are asked

—for the Leadership Training Course which has been established in British Guiana for the training of young women for full-time service in the Guiana Church; pray that those who lead this Course may be directed of God in all they do, and those who study may find their calling truly fulfilled in the service of Jesus Christ, in His Church in British Guiana.

—for the two new missionaries who have recently gone from Canada: Miss Merle McGowan, who already has begun her work in British Guiana, and Miss Tamiko Nakamura, who has completed her survey of the work in Japan and in Korea ,and who will be beginning her work, as well as doing some language study.

—for every member of every group across our Church in Canada, that each may have ever-strengthening faith and conviction concerning her Christian witness.

—for all leaders and officers that each may enter the New Year determined to give her best, and to use every talent in His service.

—for the Staff of the National Department across Canada, that this New Year will give to them a new vision of the great opportunities to extend Christ's Kingdom.

—for the Executive Director of National Missions, Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., that she may be inspired and strengthened as she assumes responsibility on January 1st, 1962.

January S. O. S.

Have you renewed your Glad Tidings subscription for 1962?
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MISS FRIEDA MATTHEWS

AFTER THIRTY YEARS of devoted service on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions, has now resigned from this position. She has been appointed by the General Board of Missions to serve as Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Miss Matthews was born in Stirling, Ontario, and is a graduate of the Peterborough Normal School, and the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, (now Ewart College), Toronto.

Miss Matthews goes to this new field of endeavour with a wide range of experience, having served as a teacher in the Indian Schools, and as Presbytery Deaconess in the rural area at Red Deer, Alberta, with seven school-districts under her supervision. Later, she went to the Shaughnessy Mining Camp Area of Southern Alberta, where she was the only Church Worker, serving 650 people, and also assisted in a six-weeks Survey for the Presbyterian Church, in Southern Alberta. She served, later, as a City Deaconess, in Edmonton, Alberta.

MISS MATTHEWS

In 1942, Miss Matthews was appointed Field Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and gave valuable leadership in this larger area of service. It was in January, 1947, that she received the appointment of Secretary of National Missions for the W.M.S. (W.D.). This appointment was later changed to Executive Director of National Missions — at present, with a staff of forty under her direction.

She has given invaluable service on many of the Boards of the Church, including The General Board of Missions; Immigration Committee; French Advisory Committee; Indian and Eskimo Association of Canada; and many others. She has also served on several Inter-Church Boards. The dedicated and keen interest of Miss Matthews in all phases of the Church's work has made her leadership outstanding, and the results of her labours will be visible, and bear rich fruit, for many years to come. Her friendly personality, and her pleasant smile, have been an inspiration to all.

It is with deep regret that we

lose Miss Matthews from the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), as Executive Director of National Missions, on December 31, 1961. We congratulate her on her new Appointment, and wish for her God's richest blessing, and an equal measure of success in her new field of service. Our love and prayers will continue with her.

(Prepared for the Council Executive by (Mrs. A. Glenn) Nellie M. Thompson, Chairman of the National Committee.)

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MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A., Toronto, has been appointed Executive Director of National Missions for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She was born in Ireland, and came to Western Canada at an early age. Before coming to Toronto, in 1952, she was a Secretary for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Miss Kelly served as Secretary in the Home Missions Department of the General Board of Missions, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, until 1955, when she was appointed Assistant to the Secretary of Home Missions, a position she has held until her new Appointment on October 1st, 1961.

In addition to the commendable service rendered in the Home Missions Department, Miss Kelly has completed all the subjects for her B.A. degree, and her graduation took place at the Autumn Convocation of the University of Toronto, 1961.

Her intimate knowledge of the work of the Women's Missionary Society, as well as the Church, brings Miss Kelly to this new position very well qualified. She has served as a Leader of Girls' and Young Women's Groups, and also as Girls' and Young Women's Organizations Secretary for Saskatoon, and for East Toronto Presbyterial. She was, at one time, Corresponding Secretary of the Saskatchewan Synodical of the W.M.S.

MISS KELLY

Miss Kelly has given invaluable service to the Armagh Board of the Presbyterian Church, having served during the organization period in

Eastern Canada, and as the Secretary since 1955. Her interests have not been limited only to the Presbyterian Church, as she has served on various Interdenominational Committees. At present she is Finance Chairman of the Ontario Girls' Work Board.

In Junior Congregations, and in Sunday Schools, Miss Kelly's leadership has been most acceptable. Her Sunday School teaching began at the age of seventeen, and, since coming to Toronto, she has led the Junior Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, Ontario, for four and a half years. Choir work has always been very dear to her heart, and she has served both in the Junior and Senior Choirs of Parkview Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, and in the Senior Choir of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, where she is a member.

We welcome Miss Kelly to this new appointment as Executive Director of National Missions, and to the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

(Prepared for the Council Executive by (Mrs. A. Glenn) Nellie M. Thompson, Chairman of the National Committee.)

OVERSEAS ANNIVERSARY PROJECT #1

We are happy to announce that the amount of $10,000 for the building of a Nurses's School and Residence in the Bhil Field, India has been raised! We are grateful to all of you who have made a contribution to this first Overseas Project, set to mark the Anniversaries of our Society. We are thankful to God that He is allowing us to express our feeling of deep joy and thanksgiving for the work of the Society through these years, by contributing to the ongoing work of our Church and Society.

WATCH for announcements on OVERSEAS PROJECT #2.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH!

Courage to meet what'er betide
With stalwart heart and true,
God's love your guard, His light
your guide,
This is my wish for you,
My New Year's wish for you. (Selected)

Ready Now —

THE "IN REMEMBRANCE" CARDS!

In response to numerous requests, it was agreed at the Council Meeting in 1961, "that a card be prepared by the national office, and made available to Auxiliaries, similar to cards used by other Societies, whereby friends of departed ones could give a gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), in lieu of flowers." These cards are now available. The following statement outlines the plan for their distribution and use:—

1. These cards will be handled by the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, who will order them, in such quantities as they desire, from the Publications Department.
2. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary, in her turn, will order the number she needs from the Presbyterial Secretary. The price will be at the rate of fifty cents per dozen. Presbyterial Secretaries are advised to keep a supply in stock.
3. Anyone desiring these cards may secure them from the Literature Secretary of the local Auxiliary, who should keep some on hand. In Auxiliaries without a Literature Secretary some responsible person should be appointed to handle these cards.
4. The money so donated as an "In Remembrance" gift will be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who will then provide the donor with an official receipt.
5. The card, itself, will be signed and sent to the bereaved family by the donor.
6. These "In Remembrance" gifts will be included in the Auxiliary contribution to the General Fund of the Society.

"MAINLY FOR WOMEN"

by MISS MARGARET RAMSAY

British Guiana

A great deal has been, and is being done for the women of the Church in British Guiana. For many years, help has been given by Deaconesses and Missionaries to the various groups of women who meet in their churches and in their homes. At some times, there has been, (and is) great enthusiasm in the holding of their regular meetings, and in the Annual meetings which have been taking place in the two counties of Berbice and Demerara for several years.

One cannot deny that the women of the Guianese Presbyterian Church have been given help, but, they were, and are, in need of help, if they are to be able to take places of leadership in the life of the Church and community. In all fairness to the results, one would like to say that in certain areas a more steady programme of help has been carried out, and there are several women capable of taking the leadership in the groups in these areas. It is not that their ability is lacking, but perhaps an awakening to the fact, by all Church members, that the women can, and should, be doing more in the Church.

Throughout the three Counties there are five Guianese Deaconesses at work. In Berbice, where there are large concentrations of people, there are three. These workers are busily engaged, not only with the women, but with Young People groups, Teacher-training groups, children in the Sunday Schools, and in the Primary Schools. They try to make regular visits to the several organized Women's Groups, but when the Deaconess is not present, at other times of meetings, the women carry on.

In Demerara, for several months now, there has been only one Deaconess, and also only one in Essequibo County. This means that visits to groups, or the working up of new groups, is a heavy task. Transportation causes its own difficulties, for cars are not provided for the Guianese deaconesses, and often hours have to be used in bus and hire-car travel, to attend one group meeting. Sometimes it is nearly impossible to get back home after the meeting, because the buses, or hire-cars, are not travelling that way at that time.

One answer to helping the women in some of these remote areas would be to have more deaconesses stationed either in them, or near enough to get around the district fairly easily. To this end, it was agreed by the Guiana Presbytery, and the Mission Council, to try out an experiment to train a group of young women, and give them part study periods, and part working periods, for two years.

Several young women had applied to be trained for church work since the time of Bethel College, but, as there were no facilities for training, they could not be accepted. It seemed very provident that a large house had to be rented for one of the Mission staff in Georgetown, part of which seemed ideal for a class-room, and when some other young women applied for training, it was agreed to try out the "Service-in-Training" Course right away.

Eight young women who had made application, were accepted, and have, at the time of writing, been receiving lectures from our own Ministers and Missionaries, in Biblical subjects, and in Christian Education, since the 1st of October. It seems good that all three counties are represented in the student body, for even if they do not return to their own home district for their practical work, the interest of the churches in the counties should be with the girls while they are being trained, and give the Church a sense of responsibility toward the training course.

As there was not sufficient room in the house where the lectures are held, to provide dormitory accommodation, the young women are boarding in various parts of Georgetown with relatives or close friends. This, too, has been explained to them as a part of their training and discipline — in the way they conduct themselves in the various homes.

So, a new step has been taken, or perhaps one might say, an old step in new shoes. At any rate, it is a good experiment, and the young women seem to be trying to measure-up to the programme of studies, and seem willing to accept new ideas and training for becoming Church workers. Of course, they will have responsibility not only for work among the women, but in the Sunday Schools and week-day activities in the Church or district where they may be stationed.

The way seems to have opened up so wonderfully for the carrying out of this experiment, especially the support both prayerfully and financially of the women in Canada, that our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God, and to the Lord, Jesus Christ, Who said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38). May this "step" be indeed an answer to our prayers for help, and that soon there will come to this land a time of 'ingathering of God's harvest".

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THOUGHTS

"You never can tell what your
thoughts will do
In bringing you hate or love;
For thoughts are things, and their
airy wings
Are swifter than carrier doves!"

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

prepared by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Call to Worship:

"At Thy feet our God and Father
Who hast blest us all our days,
We with grateful hearts would gather,
To begin the year with praise, —
Praise for light so brightly shining
On our steps from heaven above:
Praise for mercies daily twining
Round us golden cords of love."

—V. 1 — Hymn 696.

Prayer:

Our heavenly Father we come to Thee with grateful hearts for Thy love and protection which have brought us to the beginning of another year. Help us to enter it conscious of the great problems within the world, but with high courage and the determination to be true to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom we profess to serve. Amen.

First Reader:

"When I consider the heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained: what is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Hymn:

Number 162 — Book of Praise — "The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice." Verses 1, 2 and 7.

First Reader:

Scripture Reading—Psalm 8.

Second Reader:

Many centuries ago the Psalmist pondered the wonders of God's creation and asked—"What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man, that thou visitest him?" But God **is** mindful of man, however unworthy man may be. And God **did** visit man. Only a few weeks ago, as we observed the Christmas Season, we thought of how God came to earth—how He visited man. What do we really celebrate at Christmas? Is it not that in the person of the little Child God became incarnate? He has come. Men cannot banish Him out of the world. What does this fact mean to each one of us as we enter a New Year?

Third Reader:

This is a very important fact. Indeed, it is **the** most important fact. Let us give thanks that we "cannot banish Him out of the world" for it is His world. Let us resolve to so live that those with whom we associate may be aware of His presence with us. What does God require of those who profess to follow Him? What does God require of us?

Second Reader:

Centuries ago the prophet Micah answered—"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Jesus said—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me. Thou shalt love thine enemy—do good to them that hate you—pray for them that persecute you."

Third Reader:

It is not easy in these days of great tensions to do justly—to be merciful, to love, to do good to those who hate us or to pray for those who persecute us. The world is so full of injustice, of hate, of distrust, of fear.

First Reader:

Yes, but let us remember—Christ has come—He is in His world. He is the Light of the World. Let us resolve in this New Year of opportunity

—to learn of Him through studying His word.
—to pray for His help that we may follow His way.
—to share the message of His love with others in our own community, in our own land, and throughout the world.

Prayer:

Almighty God, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords, and who has taught us to call Thee, Father, be very near to all Thy people in all parts of Thy world. As another year begins help us to understand each other better. Guide all in positions of authority in every land. Help all of us who profess to follow Thee to apply Christian principles to every aspect of our daily lives. Forgive us for our failures, and the disappointments we have caused Thee in days past. Give us courage to attempt great things for Thee, assured of Thy presence and Thy help. Bless and guide those who make Thee known throughout Canada and in other lands, that Thy name may be glorified and Thy cause advanced.

Hasten the day when Thy world will acknowledge Thy rule. We ask it in Thy name, who art Creator, Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Hymn:

Number 152—Book of Praise—"Lord of all being throned afar."

Benediction:

Grant us Thy truth to make us free
And kindling hearts that burn for Thee.
Till all Thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame. Amen.

(Note:

With a few minor changes the above service could be used at a meeting other than the first meeting in the New Year.)

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In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. R. J. Agnew	St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma
Mrs. E. Dalrymple	St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma
Mrs. Mary Gallop	Cookstown Presbyterian	Barrie
Mrs. J. Neilson	Melville, West Hill	East Toronto
Mrs. J. M. Laird	Knox, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. C. D. Ironmonger	St. Andrew's, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. John Dalziel	St. Andrew's, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. Arthur Burnett	St. Andrew's, Alma	Guelph
Miss Catharine (Jean) McLennan	St. David's, Campbellville	Guelph
Mrs. Amy Bell Lucas	St. Andrew's, Lethbridge	MacLeod
Mrs. Charles Dalby	Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls	Niagara
Mrs. Hannah Rice	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. R. Fortner	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. L. Peacock	St. Paul's, Port Hope	Peterborough
Mrs. James Dickey	St. Andrew's, Hastings	Peterborough
Mrs. Louise Reid	St. Andrew's, Tisdale	Prince Albert
Mrs. Helen Craig	St. Andrew's, Tisdale	Prince Albert
Mrs. Wesley McCarter	Guthrie, Alvinston	Sarnia
Mrs. Joseph Fleming	Burns, Milverton	Stratford
Miss Jean Oswald	Knox, New Westminster	Westminster
Miss Rose Eileen McCord	St. John's, Winnipeg	Winnipeg

"I was sick, and ye visited me."

by MISS GIOLLO KELLY, B.A.

AS WE PASS from 1961 into 1962, we are conscious that thousands of people within our nation are confined to hospitals and nursing homes. Large numbers of these persons have been hospitalized many miles from their homes, in order that they may receive the specialized treatment they require. Thus, they are cut off from their families and friends during a period of suffering, when friendship is most needed. As part of our Christian responsibility, and in the name of our Church, our Hospital Visitors bring words of comfort and encouragement to those who are laid aside for a while. Reports of the blessings brought to the sick and aged by our Visitors continually come to us from many quarters.

The following are excerpts from a report of one of our Hospital Visitors:—

"Your Visitor is conscious of the fact that many people registered under our Church have little or no connection with our Church or any other. Is this a reason for disinterest in that person? I feel that it is a privilege and an opportunity to extend loving good wishes in the name of our Church, and, as God guides me, to speak a word for Him. Even a small seed planted in the human heart may bear fruit."

"Nursing Home patients are also visited. One wishes it were possible to visit Nursing Homes more often, for this is an important part of the work. Few patients are able to go outside during the winter months, and many find the days long and monotonous. However, your Visitor endeavours to visit each patient monthly, and is well rewarded upon each visit."

"It is always a pleasure to chat with my Indian friends who are hospitalized, and to discover the influence our Church and schools have had on their lives and their outlook. It is my practice to write to the Ministers on the Reserve, reporting on patients' progress. In one reply the Minister said, 'She is my most faithful church member — diligent in God's work.' Surely the work among these people in educational and preaching service, discouraging though it may often be, is a most important and challenging one."

"Among patients visited, there were a number receiving psychiatric treatment. The psychiatric wards in our largest hospitals are well-equipped and staffed, and also well-filled. In these days of tension and stress, many seem to break under the weight. I cannot but feel that families and individuals try to work out problems in their own strength, instead of taking their troubles to God in prayer, and seeking His direction through His Word."

"Many notes and cards were written to the bereaved; also notes were sent to Ministers out of town, when members of their congregations were visited. Gratefully, I would acknowledge the kindness of several City Ministers who brought comfort and assurance, not only to the patients visited, but to the anxious families."

"Each month copies of the Presbyterian Record are placed in hospitals, and the Glad Tidings and Every Day are given when desired. Small bottles of cologne or assorted cakes of soap are appreciated by hospital patients."

"No service, I am convinced, could be more rewarding or satisfying than that of the Hospital Visitor; yet each day must have its shadows as well as its sunshine. May I share one experience which touched me? Standing at the bus stop one day, a woman approached me, saying, 'Aren't you the Hospital Visitor for The Presbyterian Church? Over a year ago my husband was in the General Hospital undergoing surgery. I was feeling very blue as I sat in the Waiting Room during his operation. You came over to sit beside me, and I shall never forget how your words gave me courage and comfort.' One hesitates to report her contacts in so personal a work; however, the foregoing illustrates the 'shadows and sunshine'."

"It is when one is visiting the gravely ill week after week — or more often, that she realizes her own insufficiency and her dependence on God for strength. Truly God's grace is sufficient."

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January-October 1961

	1960	1961
British Columbia	$ 3,601.80	$ 5,673.20
Alberta	3,684.00	4,600.00
Saskatchewan	3,082.17	3,846.67
Manitoba	4,919.00	5,048.84
Hamilton and London	61,048.25	66,308.04
Toronto and Kingston	50,261.70	49,698.00
Montreal and Ottawa	28,639.50	30,801.70
	$155,236.42	$165,976.45

Official Opening and Dedication

of

The Presbyterian Fellowship House

Winnipeg, Manitoba

ON WEDNESDAY, November 1st, 1961, at 8 P.M., the Official Opening and Service of Dedication of the Presbyterian Fellowship House, at 73 Chestnut Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was held by the Presbytery of Winnipeg, on behalf of the Synod of Manitoba, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. S. J. Kennedy, Fort Francis, Ontario, Moderator of the Synod of Manitoba, performed the Dedication, assisted by the Rev. G. A. Peddie, Moderator of the Presbytery of Winnipeg; the Rev. R. G. Krepps, Moderator of the Presbytery of Brandon; and Wing Commander, the Rev. James Dunn, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Fellowship House.

Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick, Corresponding Secretary of Winnipeg Presbyterial, and Mrs. Jessie Hutchinson, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, were joint Conveners of the Reception which followed the ceremony. Guests of Honour were Miss

Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Director of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Miss Giollo Kelly, who is her successor in that position. Miss Matthews, after some 30 years of Service, is now leaving the Staff of the W.M.S. to become Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Guest Speaker of the evening was Miss Frieda Matthews, who told the assembled audience that this Presbyterian Fellowship House, in Winnipeg, which is to fulfill a great need, is one of the Projects of the W.M.S., which will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Society, when the Anniversary Celebrations are held in Montreal in 1964. Refreshments were served.

NATIONAL MISSIONS ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

On page 29 of this issue of "The Glad Tidings" you will read an account of the dedication of the Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg. We rejoice that the purpose of this House has been so well fulfilled, and we anticipate even greater service in the future. We appreciate the support which has been given to our project thus far and look forward to the completion of this undertaking. The objective of the National Project is $18,000.00. To November 15th, the amount subscribed was $3,275.00.

"HELLO BOYS AND GIRLS! . . . love, PENNY"

Leaders will remember the series of stories with the above title and ending which were on the Boys and Girls pages last year. These are not only interesting stories but give many helpful ideas to leaders. If any of you missed these stories, or failed to keep the issues of The Glad Tidings in which they appeared, it is possible now to get them in a mimeographed booklet. A charge of .25c is made to cover costs and mailing.

Order from:

W.M.S. Publications Department
Room 800 - 100 Adelaide St. W.
Toronto 1, Ontario

World Day of Prayer Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1962

(This service was prepared by Mrs. de Svetogorski and Miss Cavallero, both of Montevideo, Uruguay, South America. Mrs. de Svetogorski is the widow of a professor of music and has shared greatly in the work in Prison House. Miss Cavallero is a deaconess and Director of Christian Education in Crandon Institute. She is responsible for the weekly Methodist Radio Hour.)

THEME: "God's Love for the Whole World."

(Reverent silence to be observed while the people assemble; quiet music if desired)

A CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation standing)

Leader: Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (Isaiah 55:1)

We adore Him, Lord of the invitation so full of love. We adore Him in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May His love abound in us.

People: And in the whole world, world without end.

Leader: Glory be to God, who called us to be His people, and to share His love for the world everywhere.

People: Blessed be the Lord, whose love is for the whole world.

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16)

People: In that love and faith we unite with the church seen and unseen.

HYMN: "O Love of God, how strong and true!" - - - - - (Tune: Maryton)

O Love of God, how strong and true!
Eternal and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love.
We read Thee in the sky above;
We read Thee in the earth below,
In seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read Thee in the flowers, the trees,
The freshness of the fragrant breeze,
The songs of birds upon the wing,
The joy of summer and of spring.

We read Thee best in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame,
Sent from the Father from on high
Our life to live, our death to die.

We read Thy power to bless and save.
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection-light,
We read the fulness of Thy might.

O Love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal Love, in Thee we rest,
For ever safe, for ever blest!
Amen.

ACT OF CONFESSION AND PENITENCE

(Congregation seated)

Leader: As we come to have a glimpse of His holiness, our hearts feel the need of confession. Let us confess with the Psalmist our need of forgiveness in His presence.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

(Psalm 51:1-10)

In Unison: Lord, our Father, be merciful to us who have forgotten Thy ways, who have refused to see Thee in this Thy world, who have offended Thee by not loving others in Thy spirit. We realize now how often we have prayed with words of love while we still harboured unkind and unforgiving thoughts. We acknowledge how often we have spoken of good will while in our hearts we did not want to love and obey Thee. Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us a new spirit, give us tender hearts, for we desire to abide in Thy precious promise of love and redemption. Amen.

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity; and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:1, 2, 5)

Leader: Let us turn our hearts and minds to our Father, God Almighty, praying that He may enlighten our lives with His grace, looking to Him for power and love;

People: Father, have mercy upon us.

Leader: For our unchristian attitude towards those whom we do not consider our equals;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: For our unforgiving spirit which has built walls of separation instead of bridges of love and understanding;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: For our failure to understand Thy purpose for the world;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: For our failure to dedicate all our talents to the task of Thy Kingdom;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: For our failure to understand the glory of the challenge to be labourers together with God;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

In Unison: Thou, O Lord, whose love never ends, and whose forgiveness follows us from eternity, help us to leave in Thy hands the past with all its failures, and in true repentance to do Thy will, for Thy glory. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Love Divine, all loves excelling" — No. 463

(Congregation seated)

Leader: Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40: 28-31)

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, who hast given us grace, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant these requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desire and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. (Prayer of St. Chrysostom)

Leader: Let us unite our hearts, reaffirming our faith in God's purpose for us and for the world. God wills that the whole world may come to know His love.

People: And we are labourers together with Him. Praised be His Name.

Leader: And we believe that He is the Eternal God, who is bringing His children into His purpose of redemption.

People: God is love. We believe in Him who is love.

Leader: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (I John 3:1-3)

People: We believe in God, whose purpose is redemptive love.

Leader: For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (II Timothy 1:7)

People: Praised be His name!

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

People: Praised be His Name!

Leader: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:17)

People: Praised be His Name!

In Unison: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gifts. (II Corinthians 9:15) Let us thank our God for His dwelling in our hearts by faith.

In Unison: Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy love for us. We know the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. We know that to Thee no one is "foreign", for Thou lovest the whole world; everyone is the object of Thy forgiving eternal love. We thank Thee for giving us firm confidence in Thy love, for the wisdom of Thy creation, and for Thy desire to come to abide in our lives. Amen.

Leader: In gratitude we dedicate ourselves to Thee, and to the service of others. Help us, O Lord, help us to obey Thee, and to find joy in that obedience.

People: Speak, Lord, we are listening. Speak, Lord, that we may speak. Here we are, Thy servants, Lord, ready to do Thy will.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak" — No. 570

ACT OF INTERCESSION

(Congregation seated or kneeling)

Leader: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (Matthew 7:7)

People: Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief.

Leader: Let us pray that God's love may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

People: Hear us, O Lord, lend Thine ear to our petition, and give us peace.

Prayer for Peace.

In Unison: Eternal Father, who in the sending of Thy Son didst speak peace to the world, we thank Thee for all those who are seeking a more excellent way for the nations of the world; establish, we pray Thee, justice and order, and resolve the differences of peoples. Guide all leaders in the use of atomic power, that it may benefit, rather than destroy, mankind. Fill the hearts of men with such love for Thee and for each other that this world may be a new creation in righteousness, peace, and true brotherhood; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who through His Cross has opened the way to peace for all mankind. Amen.

Prayer for Her Majesty and Leaders of the Nations.

Leader: Let us pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family. We would pray for all counsellors and advisers of the Crown; for all leaders of our great Commonwealth, that they may discharge their duties on the high plane of obedience to God's will. We would pray for the nations of the world, especially those of the newly independent countries, and for all representatives in the United Nations, that their minds may be lighted by divine wisdom, and their wills guided by the spirit of God.

(Pause for silent prayer, or prayer by one appointed)

Prayer for Our Own Country.

Leader: Let us pray for our own country, the Dominion of Canada, that honour and integrity may dwell in the high places of government; that our own communities may have more dynamic Christian leadership; that both employers and employed may have more concern for the public good; that we may find the way to solve the problems of the social evils of today.

(Pause for silent prayer, or prayer by one appointed)

Prayer for Families.

Leader: Let us pray that God will bless the families in this and every land, that He may be enthroned in every heart and home; that children may learn to love Jesus as their Saviour and Friend; that youth will have Christian principles implanted within them, so that they may take a definite stand against the sinister forces that would rob them of their faith; that parents may have an awareness of their responsibilities to set up Christian standards in the home and revive the Family Altar.

(Pause for silent prayer, or prayer by one appointed)

Prayer for the Needy.

Leader: Let us bring to His love all the needy ones of the world:

Those who hunger . . .
Those who suffer . . .
Those who are lonely . . .
Those who mourn for loved ones gone before.

(Pause for silent prayer, or prayer by one appointed)

Prayer for the Whole Christian Church.

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church; that each member may realize that Christ's command to proclaim His Word rests, not only on clergy and missionaries, but also on each lay member; that the whole Church may speak to the whole world, in busy cities and quiet villages, and in all the areas of man's life everywhere. Let us specially pray for all who serve the Church at great risk in dangerous places; for missionaries who must speak in an alien tongue and work in an alien culture, that they may be living witnesses to Christ's love for the whole world, and be used as instruments of Christ in the development of truly indigenous Churches; that the fellowship between missionaries and nationals may ever grow deeper and stronger.

(Pause for silent prayer, or prayer by one appointed)

In Unison: Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee, witnessing to Thy love for the whole world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BRIEF ADDRESS *(in harmony with the theme and the purpose of the World Day of Prayer)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *(if desired)*

Leader: We are coming now to the closing moments of this period of fellowship in prayer. We recall that Matthew tells us that when the Wise Men saw the Christ, they worshipped Him, then opening their treasurers, they gave Him gifts. Let us now offer these our gifts, the expression of our worship.

OFFERING

Leader: We know, our Heavenly Father, that we may entrust to Thy Hands these gifts. They are all Thine. Thou, the giver of all good gifts, hast put into our hearts the desire to share our blessed knowledge of Thee with others all over the world. Transform by Thy grace, we beseech Thee, these material gifts into spiritual mercies. Use us as channels through which Thy love can reach out far and near; use us, O Father, for the fulfilment of Thy design for Thy Kingdom. Amen.

In Unison: Open our eyes that we may see;
Open our minds that we may perceive;
Open our hearts that we may receive the gift of Thy love given for the whole world. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended" — No. 671

Benediction: May the vision of a world where love is supreme inspire us daily to become more and more co-workers with Thee, to whom belong glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

Miss Teen-Ager

I CHOSE TO BE A MISSIONARY!

by MERLE McGOWAN

"COME ON PHYLLIS, Sarge, Merle! Gram will be waiting for us to come to Sunday School," called my sister Pat. So off across the field we tripped to her house. In her farm house we sat around the kitchen table, with the smell of coffee and fresh baking all around us. Here we learned our first lessons of how God's love is shown through the lives of people who are very near and dear to us. She taught us from her knowledge of the Bible, told us its story, taught us songs, and prayed with us. This was our habit for Sunday morning for many years. As I look back now I see how God works through our families to bring us unto Himself.

As a teen-ager I had conflicting ambitions — to be a teacher, and to be a stenographer! I did both! In the Church to which I belonged I did some teaching, and joined the young people's group, yet I felt the need to add to my understanding of God's word. After some thought on the matter, and some persuasion by friends, I enrolled in Ewart College (The Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School). The three years there helped a great deal to broaden and deepen my faith. After graduation, I worked full-time in Leaside Presbyterian Church in Toronto. There were many responsibilities, but working closely with the men, women, and children, of that Church once again proved that the important thing was the love of God shown in our relationship with people.

MISS McGOWAN

In Toronto, Missionaries, and many Nationals, from countries such as Nigeria, Formosa, and British Guiana, often spoke on the work of the Church in these countries. As I listened to them I felt God leading me to think about this part of His Church. Because I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, was I willing to be His disciple to go wherever He chose?

This is the challenge, and responsibility, of every Christian to be a

Missionary, in the place God chooses, and at the time He chooses too. When the appointment to British Guiana came, I left Leaside to begin preparations for going to a new country. One of the first things I learned about my new home was that it would always be summer there. For me, that meant getting busy and making myself enough summer clothes to wear all the year around. British Guiana has a hot climate, and that causes some diseases not common to Canada. Therefore, in order to go to British Guiana I had to get 'shots' for yellow fever, typhoid and smallpox.

To learn something of the country where I will be living for the next three years, I attended an Outgoing Missionary Conference, held at Fort Erie, Ontario. Here, with other Missionaries from the United and Baptist Churches and also others from our own denomination, we learned of the work of the Christian Church throughout the whole wide world. We also had to learn about the other religions of the world, which are part of the life of the majority of the world's population.

The Christian Church has been spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ into the countries of the world ever since He gave His life for the salvation of the world. To go to another country to work in the Church of Jesus Christ is our answer to His command, that the Christian be prepared to go into all the world to preach the good news. This love of God that we know in Christ Jesus is the greatest gift we have to share with our fellowmen.

God works in wonderful, mysterious ways to bring His sons and daughters to give their lives to His keeping, and for His love. Is God leading you to use your life to the fullest somewhere in the world, to bring His love alive in the hearts of people?

(NOTE: You will be interested in getting to know something about Miss McGowan through this article, because this year your Missionary Offerings will be used to pay her salary, as she serves the Church in British Guiana.)

THE GLAD TIDINGS

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Boys and Girls!

TRAVELLING FUN!

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"Whew, it's hot!" said Tim.

"Is the furnace broken?" asked Janey.

"Yes. I'm afraid it is," said Mrs. Martin, "but what a good day it is for the heat controls to break down! Here we are, going on a trip to British Guiana where it is always hot, and our room is much hotter than usual."

"We really do need the sunhats you asked us to bring," laughed Peter. "There's a snowstorm going on outside, but in here we're having a heat wave."

"Is it this hot in British Guiana, Aunt Mary?" asked the children.

Aunt Mary nodded her head. "Even hotter," she said, "all year round."

"You mean they don't have any snow?" asked Tim in surprise.

"Never!" laughed Aunt Mary. "Here, let us look at this globe. We live up here in Canada. There is British Guiana," she said as she pointed to the two countries. "Now, do you see that line just below British Guiana?"

"I know what that is," said Marjie. "That's the Equator. It's sort of a pretend line around the middle of the world. Near it, it's hot, and far away it gets cold."

"That's right, Marjie," said Aunt Mary. "Now, let's go on a trip to British Guiana. Tim and Bob, you place the chairs as though they were seats on an airplane. Ann and Marjie, you be the stewardesses to meet the passengers, and show them to their seats. Peter, you be the pilot, and Billy, you be the co-pilot. We all brought a sunhat in a paper bag. We'll pretend they are our suitcases. Janey and Kenny will be our checkers, to check all the baggage and see that it gets on the plane. Don't forget to give each one a ticket with the number of his suitcase on it, will you? We want to be sure everyone will get the right one back. On this trip, I will be your guide.

Good, the plane is ready. Let's all go on board. First, we'll fly to New York. Then, we'll change planes, and go on to British Guiana. Of course, we'll stop here and there along the way, but we'll be there before you know it.

Here is something for each of you to look at as we go along."

Aunt Mary gave a brown envelope to each of the boys and girls. Inside they found a folder she had made, like a travel folder saying how nice it is in British Guiana. There were some pictures in the envelopes too. Some were of Churches, Missionaries, schools, children — and even flowers. Some boys and girls had a postage stamp, others had a bit of rice, a piece of aluminum, or sugar — all from British Guiana.

"Oh, how nice," said Aunt Mary. "I see a tray marked 'lunch'. The stewardesses always bring us some food on our trip, and so perhaps Ann and Marjie could bring us ours."

"Mmmm, good!" said the children as they drank their milk and ate their cookies. "Thank you, Ann. Thank you, Marjie."

"Well, here we are," said Aunt Mary. "Wasn't that a good trip? Peter and Billy are good pilots, aren't they. First, we must get our suitcases. Then, take out your sun-hats and put them on because the sun is very hot today. All right now, come with me and see British Guiana."

With that, she led the children out of their meeting room at the church, down the hall, around the corner and into the gym. There on the floor was the biggest map they had ever seen. Aunt Mary had put heavy red wool on the floor to form the out-line of the country. The rivers and seacoast were marked in blue wool. Scattered here and there were the pictures and other things the boys and girls had been collecting from British Guiana. For the jungle forests, Aunt Mary had scattered bits of green paper on the floor.

There were pictures of Missionaries at the cities and towns where they live. There were pictures of boys and girls playing. There was rice, sugar, aluminum, a coconut, poinsettia flower, and other things, too.

"Oh!" said Tim. "Oh! We really have gone on a trip to British Guiana."

"Yes we have," laughed Aunt Mary. "And here we are in Georgetown, the capital city. Miss Ramsay and Miss McGowan live here, you know. You'll remember meeting Miss Ramsay last winter when she was home. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are here in Georgetown, too."

"Do poinsettias grow in the gardens there?" asked Marjie. "Mummy got one of those at Christmas time. They're such a pretty red."

"Here's Berbice county where Mr. and Mrs. Muchan are," said Janey.

"Mmm, such good things to eat!" said Peter, and everyone laughed.

"What would we ever do without bauxite," said Tim. "That's what aluminum is made from, you know. Uncle Charlie told me that. Just about everything is aluminum these days."

"Oh," said Billy. "Here is Demarara country where Mr. and

Mrs. MacDonald work. I met them once."

"Look at those waterfalls," said Janey. "Aren't they beautiful! — Kaieteur Falls, the sign says — much higher than Niagara Falls, too."

"Oh, a butterfly," said Tim. "Such a pretty blue! I've never seen one like that before. Look, there's a snake, and a monkey. Isn't he cute?"

"Aunt Mary, let's play a game — one boys and girls play in British Guiana," said Ann.

"How about hide-and-seek," asked Aunt Mary, "or tag? They like those games there just as you like them here."

"Do they really?" asked Tim. "Living in a different country is a bit the same after all, isn't it? Let's play tag!"

With that, the boys and girls were off to play. Soon they would leave British Guiana, and return to Canada and home.

(Leaders: Take your children on a trip to British Guiana as Aunt Mary did. Have your children make a mural of their trip, (see, 'HERE'S HOW AND WHEN' Pages 72-74) or posters. Both you and your children will find pictures in the Glad Tidings, The Record and old Church calendars. The book 'FRIENDS WITH ALL THE WORLD' by Edith F. Welker would be a great help to you as you introduce your children to other countries and to the boys and girls who live there. Borrow it from your church library. Better still, buy a copy for your own bookshelf. It's well worth owning.)

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REMEMBER !

Think, sometimes,
How in the winter's storm
Your home is warm!
How, while some hunger,
With scarce food, and rough,
You have enough!

Remember—
That each new day brings
So many happy things!
Or — if less happy,
That friends, good and true,
Try to help you!

Thankful, then—
Remember, in thought and deed,
To serve others — who need!
(Selected)

LETTER FROM DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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Dear Friends:

This letter is to be about the school. Not that I haven't written about it before, but I like to report progress. Most of you have helped a very great deal to make that progress possible so I am sure you are a little interested anyway.

This year the entrance to University examinations were quite difficult, especially the mathematics, but altogether forty-two of our graduates passed the examinations and have entered the different Universities and colleges. Some of them graduated from our school last year, so tried the examinations the second time. This is the largest number that passed in any one year.

There are, as usual, about a thousand pupils, both boys and girls, in the school. We haven't had any examinations yet but they seem to have more ability than in former years, especially in the Junior School. Of these, over five hundred and fifty are living in the dormitory, also both boys and girls, so there are large congregations for our Worship Services. In the morning, there are more than a thousand, and there are more than five hundred every evening, and on Sunday, and that is more than many Churches can boast of. Of course, they have other Christian activities. Every class has a Bible Class once a week, and they have a Young Peoples' Society, affiliated with that of the church. That is one place the boys and girls can sometimes meet together, for, although they study in the same school, they are not in the same classrooms. There is a dividing line upstairs, which the Principal calls the thirty-eighth parallel.

Last Sunday, I went with a group of boys, who go every week to a suburb of Tansui to teach the children. The people there are rather rough and steeped in superstitions of all kinds. The parents don't want the children to attend Sunday School, and most of those who came around were afraid to come into the room at first. Gradually, as they listened, they stepped over the doorway, and at the end of the story, there were about thirty who had come in. The Sunday before, they had been even more fearful, and had torn up the leaflets they had received. Altogether we were rather encouraged, and another teacher is going next Sunday. The people who allow us to use the empty house are not Christian, but they seem very interested in the Sunday school. There is one Christian in the village, an old lady who rather ashamedly said that she was eighty-four. Her son does not look after her, and, in fact, is rather a prodigal. Although she lives alone and has nothing, she has one of the sweetest faces I ever saw.

The pupils go to six different places where little, if any, Christian work is being done, to teach the children in Sunday Schools. The school has been doing that kind of work since long before I came to Taiwan, and many people have come into the church in that way.

Our greatest project for this term, and next, is the building of a new Boys' dormitory. One of the buildings now being used was put up by the Japanese during the war, and is both unsafe and inadequate. The rest of the boys are in places that should be used in other ways. The plan is to put up a large building to house the Junior boys, and have the kitchen there. For the Senior boys, there will be four units, each housing twenty-four students, with twelve in each bed-room and a sitting-dining room. The boys will carry the food from the kitchen to each unit. The boys are looking forward to this very much.

The greatest problem, of course, is money, but since the dormitory is a necessity, we are going ahead anyway. The former graduates, both men and women, have shown great willingness to help, and there is quite a campaign under way. One group of men has promised one of the units. We are asking ten thousand people for seventy-five cents, and a hundred people for twenty-five dollars. We thought by asking for a small amount people wouldn't be frightened, but actually most people give several times that. We will have to meet with graduates in different places, but I think we shall go over our objective. The Principal has worked out that a hundred bricks cost eighty cents. We will do the best we can, and if it is not enough we will have to borrow.

We had a very bad typhoon in September, which did a great deal of damage all over the Island. In the mountains, and on the East Coast, whole villages were left without homes, or clothes, and many churches were destroyed. The school was damaged quite badly, especially roofs, so quite a large amount of money had to be used for repairs. That also was a necessity. To-night, we are getting fringe winds and rains from a typhoon in the Philippines. I hope it doesn't come closer.

To all of you who receive this at whatever time, I pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon you.

Yours Sincerely,
Dorothy Douglas

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A PATH UNTROD!

"Before us lies a road untried,
A path untrod;
Beside us walks a friend well loved,
That friend is God!" (Selected)

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, presided at the Luncheon Rally of *Victoria* Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall in honour of Miss Frieda Matthews and Miss Giollo Kelly. The Devotional Period was led by Miss Gertrude Scott, with members present from *Nanaimo, Alberni, St. Paul's, Gorge, Erskine, Knox,* the *Chinese Church,* and *St. Andrew's, Victoria.* Miss Matthews told of her work in the W.M.S. for the past 35 years, and Miss Kelly gave her impressions of the work, as she had seen it so far. Mrs. J. C. Scott, Presbyterial Treasurer for over 21 years, made the presentation, from the Presbyterial, to Miss Matthews of a filigree brooch, in dogwood design. Mrs. W. J. Hogg gave the closing prayer, and an hour of social fellowship over the teacups followed.

At the evening meeting in the new Knox Church, *Victoria,* at which Miss Matthews and Miss Kelly were Guest Speakers, slides of the Annual Council Meeting in *Stratford* were shown. Mrs. C. Summers conducted Devotions, and refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The newly-inducted Minister of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Abbotsford,* the Rev. William Bell, conducted the Opening Devotional Period, and the Communion Service, for the 125 members present at the Fall Regional Rally of *Westminster* Presbyterial, held in Calvin Church. President, Mrs. George Ledingham presided, and Mrs. I. Le Huguet, Mrs. Corbett, Miss M. Nutt and Miss Ellen Douglas, presented "The Daily Schedule", a panel presentation of the Leadership Training Conference in *Edmonton,* which they attended. Synodical greetings were brought by president Mrs. Earle P. Fox, *Vancouver,* and, following lunch, Dr. Christian Fraser gave highlights from the *Pacific Northwest International Missions Conference* held at the University of *British Columbia* this summer. Silent Prayer for "A World of Peace" opened the Afternoon Session. Nine Valley Groups gave encouraging reports; Mrs. Ledingham reported the Annual Council Meeting, and members, taking the parts of the Executive Directors, gave an informative presentation of the officers and the work of Council Executive. Lunch was served by the ladies of Calvin Church.

President, Mrs. J. A. Davidson, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. H. C. Hepburn, Presbyetrial Press Secretary, brought greetings. The Thanksgiving Service of Worship in the October "Glad Tidings", was given by Mrs. T. Dunning, Mrs. S. Dobinson, and Mrs. R. P. Allan, and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. George M. Ledingham, Presbyterial President, spoke on "God's Call To Each One Of Us". Miss M. C. Williams thanked the Speaker. Life Memberships were presented recently to Mrs. A. A. Carrick, and Mrs. T. M. Martyn.

President, Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, and Mrs. C. Van Morrison received the guests when the Executive of Westminster Presbyterial held a Coffee Party in Central Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* in honour of Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions, and her successor, Miss Giollo Kelly. More than 100 W.M.S. women were present. Miss Lilliam Reay, new Deaconess at St. Matthews was introduced, and Miss Tamiko Nakamura, who is leaving for *Japan,* was presented with a Life Membership, and a purse to buy a *Korean* Bible.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* Mrs. G. M. Bell, in her Devotional, took as her theme, "The Importance of The Child", and Mrs. N. G. Robertson gave an illustrated talk on the National C.G.I.T. Leaders' Conference, at *Lennoxville, Quebec,* which she attended as Leader-Consultant, sent by B. C. Synodical. Mrs. Donald Green, who also attended as a Leader-Delegate, showed and explained the slides. A Social Hour followed.

President, Mrs. A. B. Basey, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* and the Minister, the Rev. L. G. St. Denis conducted the Worship Service. Dr. Oliver Nugent, Superintendent of Missions for *British Columbia* was Guest Speaker and showed slides of the Mission Work in the *Peace River District, the Yukon,* and *Alaska,* and also *Northern British Columbia.* Mr. C. H. Lord was Soloist. At a recent Meeting of this Auxiliary, Judith Beaton, after seven years membership in Mission Band, was presented with a Junior Life Membership, by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — W.M.S. women of the Presbyterian Churches of *Calgary* Presbyterial, held a combined Anniversary Project Tea, whose proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Winnipeg Fellowship House. Mrs. Scott Sinclair was general convener, assisted by Mrs. A. P. Forrester, Mrs. David Cumming, Mrs. C. J. Christenson, Mrs. E. C. Benner, and Mrs. Duncan Ballantine. Miss S. V. Scott, President of

Calgary Presbyterial, received, with Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Past President. Hostesses, tea-pourers, and servers, were from the various Churches in *Calgary* Presbyterial. Mrs. J. K. Paul presented the Project, as a Display, and was available for any information desired. Miss Marguerite Fraser was in charge of a Christian Literature Display.

The semi-Annual Meeting of the *Alberta* Synod and the Synodical coincided, when they met in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary*. Previous to the Meetings a Service of Worship was held in Knox Church, conducted by the Rev. McKay Esler, of Knox, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Biglow, of Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton*. After Sacrament, the Presbyterial retired to the lower hall, where President Miss S. V. Scott, introduced Miss Frieda Matthews and Miss Giollo Kelly. Miss Matthews gave an informal talk on the work of National Missions, stressing the great advance, and the future need yet to be fulfilled, among the Indian and Eskimo peoples, and the Chinese in Canada. Refreshments were served by the Goforth Evening Group of the W.M.S. of Knox Church, and the *Calgary* Presbyterial Executive.

Alberta Synodical held their Semi-Annual Meeting in Knox Church, *Calgary,* with President Mrs. George Anderson, presiding, and the Guest Speaker, Miss Frieda E. Matthews, telling of the W.M.S. work in Canada, and its needs. She also outlined the work done at the Fellowship House in *Winnipeg*. Luncheon and coffee were served, both to Synod and Synodical, by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Strathcona Evening Affiliated Group of the W.M.S., held a recent "Presentation", in aid of the Anniversary Projects. President, Miss Mollie Harback, presided, and was also Commentator, assisted by Mrs. I. P. McSween, for the programme of Skits, Slides, Pictures, and an Interview, all describing the W.M.S. work. *"Indian Work",* shown in pantomime, was directed by Mrs. A. Anderson; Mrs. P. Sonnenfeld (Jean Brown) and Mrs. Y. Azuma, in authentic Japanese and Korean costumes, presented a Skit on *"Koreans in Japan"*; and a tape recording by Miss Hildur Hermanson, was used by Mrs. G. E. O. Scott for her presentation on Formosa.

Mrs. J. Richard interviewed Miss Ida White, Reg. N., of the *Bhil Field* in *India*; Mrs. J. Findlay commented on slides showing W.M.S. work in *Nigeria*; and Mrs. McHargue, with pictures and literature, told of work and workers in *British Guiana*. Dressed in old-time costumes, members reproduced a W.M.S. Presbyterial Executive Meeting of 1914, in its authentic setting in the Social Room at First Church, *Edmonton,* to which a visitor from *Toronto* was welcomed. This clever Skit gave valuable information of the organization in 1914, and the early years of the W.M.S.

Attention was drawn to the work of the Home Helpers; the usefulness of "The Glad Tidings"; the need, and the vital purpose, of Christian Literature. Of great interest was the Display of "The Glad Tidings", dating back many years. Pictures of "Our Workers" were also shown. The Presentation closed with the inspiring Worship Service, "This Sustaining Bread", a blending of choral speech and modern art. At the Social Hour following, Mrs. Dinwoodie was in charge, assisted by ladies of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group, and the Home Helpers.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* with nine congregations of the Presbytery represented, and Miss Hilda Blackwell, Presbytery Deaconess, the Guest Speaker. Members of the Willowdale W.M.S. Auxiliary, gave a dramatic Skit, "Spotlight on the New Study of *British Guiana*". Mrs. A. Jenson, Mrs. Hugh McCarroll, and Mrs. Lorna Schank, of *Rocky Mountain House,* who had attended the Leadership Training School, at Alberta College, *Edmonton,* led Discussion Groups on "Youth and Adult Christian Education in Our Churches".

Miss Hilda Blackwell was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Innisfail.* She showed the filmstrip, "A Modern Answer", and led an interesting discussion on *"Armagh",* the Presbyterian Home for Girls at *Clarkson, Ontario.*

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SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Giollo Kelly and Miss Frieda Matthews were Guests of Honour at a Reception held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* of which Miss Kelly is a former member. Both spoke briefly about their work. Mrs. E. J. Gilroy, First vice-President of *Saskatoon* Presbyterial, welcomed the guests, and also Miss Evelyn Murdock, newly-appointed Deaconess to *Saskatoon* Presbytery. The Rev. L. S. van Mossel spoke a few words of welcome, and many members from the various City Churches were present.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Section Four of this Presbyterial held their Annual Meeting in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Winchester,* with members present from *Morewood, Chesterville, Dunbar, Winchester Springs, Morrisburg* and *Winchester.* Presbyterial Greetings were brought by Mrs. C. Brown. The Evening Department Conference in *London, Ontario,* was well reported by Mrs. Charles Cross, and an impressive In Memoriam Service was conducted by Mrs. Colin McGregor, *Morewood,* Mrs. A. G. Suffel of *Winchester,* installed the officers for 1961-62.

The Rev. Ronald Rowat, Superintendent of Missions for the Synod of *Montreal* and *Ottawa,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of St. Paul's W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Winchester.* Guests from *Vernon, Morewood, Chesterville, Mountain,* the Baptist Church and other points, were present.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maxville,* combined their Executives, and held a joint Thank-Offering Meeting in the form of a "Family Night", with families from St. Andrew's and Gordon Presbyterian Churches, *St. Elmo,* as guests. The Rev. Ivor McIvor gave the Thanksgiving message, and presented the film strip, "Ring The Jubilee". Mrs. A. D. Stewart conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. J. W. McEwen thanked Mr. McIvor.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — At the Workshop for Leaders, held in *Arnprior* Presbyterian Church, the Programme was arranged by Mrs. J. R. Geddes, Presbyterial Children's Groups Secretary, and Mrs. J. Smith, Synodical Children's Secretary. The Devotional Period, conducted by the Rev. Clair Jeans, D.D., was followed by Bible Study, conducted by Mrs. P. G. MacInness, and the Workshop then launched the new Study Programme on South America, for C.O.C. and Explorers, using maps, books, puppets and handicrafts to add realism.

Miss Dorothy Dodds, Promotion Secretary, introduced the new Hymns to be used with the Study, and a model Church-School Primary Class was taught by Mrs. Smith, introducing the Christian Life and Faith Presbyterian material now being adapted as the new curriculum in the Presbytery. A properly set-up Worship Centre was shown, and the C.O.C. and Explorer Groups, using puppets, dramatized a chapter of the Study Book. The singing of the newly-learned Vesper Hymn, and prayer by Mrs. R. K. Earls of *Cobden,* brought the meeting to a close.

The Fall Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arnprior,* with President Mrs. John Jack presiding. Departmental Reports were received, and also reports from members who attended the Leaders Training School in *Belleville.* A Leaders Workshop was held in *Arnprior* last October. The Historian reported a 64th Wedding Anniversary celebrated by Honorary President, Mrs. J. J. Storie, of *Lockwinnock.* Devotional Services were conducted by Miss Dorothy Dodds, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. Ronald Dewar, and Mr. R. R. Earls. The Annual Meeting of the Executive will be held at *Carleton Place,* January 16th and 17th. Delegates were present from *Elfin, Mississippi, Smith's*

Falls, Renfrew, and *Pembroke.*

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — At the Executive Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, in Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, presided. Morning Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. McCleverty of *Ingleside*; Afternoon Devotions by Mrs. Allan S. Reed, of *Rockburn, Quebec*; and Mrs. W. S. Reid, President of Ephraim Scott Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, welcomed the Executive, to which Mrs. J. M. Clancy, *Arnprior,* 2nd Vice-President of *Montreal* and *Ottawa* Synodical, replied. Miss Lois Powrie, newly appointed Regional Secretary, was introduced by the President, and Presbyterial Reports were given by Mrs. C. A. Brown, *Brockville*; Mrs. I. D. McIver, *Glengarry*; Mrs. John Jack, *Lanark and Renfrew*; Miss Doris Blaise, *Montreal*; Mrs. John Williams, *Ottawa;* Mrs. Heber Mayhew, *Quebec.* The Financial Statement showed increases in many Departments.

Mrs. R. C. Ready, Secretary for Young Women's Groups, gave the highlights of the Leadership Training School, held in *Ottawa,* and a Panel Discussion on "The W.M.S. in Relation to the Women of the Church", was led by Mrs. Ronald Rowatt, *Montreal,* assisted by Miss Lillian Morton and Mrs. J. C. Elder. Council Reports were given by Miss Arthena Spalding, *Perth*; Miss Doris Blaise, *Montreal*; Mrs. J. W. Williams, *Ottawa*; Mrs. J. McCleverty, *Ingleside*; Mrs. Jacques Smith, *Melbourne, Quebec.* Mrs. Frank Smith, *Montreal,* convened a Panel Discussion on "Programming", which took into consideration both the use and the non-use of the Study Book in Auxiliary Programmes. Others taking part were Mrs. C. Falconer, and Mrs. W. S. Reid. Mrs. W. S. Reid, Convener of the Anniversary Committee, presented her report. The Annual Meeting of this Synodical will be held in *Smith's Falls,* April 16, 17 and 18, 1962.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* with members present from *Milan, Scotstown, Asbestos, Danville,* L'Eglise des Cantons de l'Est in *Melbourne, Upper Melbourne,* and the Auxiliaries of *Sherbrooke.* President, Mrs. H. Mayhew, presided, and Devotionals were given by Mrs. George Stevenson, Sectional Vice-President. Highlight of the Meeting was the presence of Miss Irene Stringer, of *India,* who gave a splendid address on her work in that land. The Rev. S. Garland also spoke, and, at a later Sub-Executive Meeting, Mrs. H. Manland reported the Synodical Meeting, held in *Montreal.*

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Hushed are the fields, where the snow lies deep;
Safe in their burrows, the small wild things sleep;
The road winds white, and the tree-shadows fall
And the peace of God's handiwork lies over all!
(L. M. C.)

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

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THE APOSTLE PAUL for the second time was writing to the church at Corinth. He had written earlier concerning their sins, and now he was writing to commend them for their repentance and action. He offered them, and asked them to accept, reconciliation to God through the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5: 20). In a somewhat similar position stand all Christians who have the responsibility of offering, to a world at enmity with God, forgiveness and reconciliation. In this way all Christians hold the position of Christ's Ambassadors.

No Ambassador is ever a self-appointed representative. His Government chooses him that he may represent his country, and, in the olden days, when permanent Embassies were unknown, such appointments usually had as their objective the bringing of peace during war. The Christian finds himself in exactly the same position, for he does not appoint himself as an Ambassador of Christ. Rather he must realize that his Ambassadorial office exists because someone else has given him the job. No man may exalt himself to the post of Ambassador of Christ without an authority which lies outside himself.

As Ambassadors were chosen by their rulers, the Christian has become an Ambassador because God has chosen him in Christ, that he might be His Ambassador. This realization of his appointment is very important for the Christian, for in his work for Christ he does not continually return to the idea that this is something which he thought up for himself. Rather he sees himself as one called of God to this service. The Missionary on the foreign field, the Minister in the home land, the Christian in the office, in the home, in the factory, and in the school, all should realize that they are Ambassadors by the will of, and determination of, Christ, their King (Jno. 15: 16).

And because an Ambassador is so chosen, he does not act on his own authority, but according to orders from the home Government. The Christian finds himself in exactly the same position. He does not have the right to do just as he, himself, pleases, for he is under orders. His ultimate authority does not derive from his own wisdom, or his own will, but from Him who is his Lord and Saviour, even Jesus Christ. So often Christians seem to forget this, and adopt the attitude that they have the right to lord it over others, because they have authority within themselves. But the fact of the matter is that they are all under authority, under the orders of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church. Because of this, they act as His representatives in this world.

The great importance of an Ambassador, in any age, lies in the fact that he represents his government. In the olden days a king could not travel as we do today, so if he would deal with another country about war and peace, trade and commerce, he must of necessity do so by representatives, who are Ambassadors. Since Christ, having left this earth, has ascended up on high, He, too, no longer speaks in the flesh directly to the world. For this reason He has appointed the Christian Church to represent Him here and now. To this He has appointed the Church, not merely as an organization, but as individuals, so that they "in Christ's stead" speak on His behalf. They indeed, are the only representatives which He has upon earth, for to them alone has He given this task.

Since they hold such an important and divinely created position, they have the obligation of speaking in Christ's name. No Ambassador ever speaks in his own, but always in that of the Government which sends him. So the Christian must not speak in his own name, as though he makes the final determination of all things. Rather, he speaks in the name of Christ as Christ's Ambassador. He must bear Christ's message, and must seek Christ's glory in so doing. Even in the church, we often find that men forget this, and begin to speak as though they possess authority, and as though they, of themselves, possess some particular glory.

When the Ambassador speaks, he brings a message from his country, he transmits information, demands, or good wishes. He does not make the message up as he goes along, nor does he endeavour to praise or advance himself — that is, if he properly fulfills his duties. The Christian, too, has his responsibility, for his duty consists in speaking to men, not his own but God's message. Moreover, he should set it forth by every means possible, not only by word, or in corporate religious worship. His duty consists in setting forth God's message by his whole life, in every sphere and phase of his activities. If we only realized this somewhat more concretely, we might change our attitude and actions as well as our words, for so often we manifest more the spirit of man and the world, than the word of the Son of the Eternal God.

The message which the Christian Ambassador brings to men is a message of reconciliation. He should set forth in the whole of life, as God gives him utterance, the wondrous grace of God in Christ Jesus. It may be that God has called us to pray, rather than speak. Let us be diligent in this. He may have called us to give, to help the sick, to comfort them that mourn, rather than to preach, either here or in some far-off land. We are to remember, however, that wherever we are, we are to do all to the glory of God, that others, too, may come to a like faith in Christ, as Saviour, that they may find reconciliation and forgiveness.

If we do this — if the whole Church would do it — what results might we expect? For one thing, we would expect that far more people would hear of the marvellous sovereign grace of God. Paul spoke, and worked, that men might hear him beseeching them to accept this reconciliation. Moreover, when this message spreads abroad, the effect is that men believe the Gospel, placing themselves in the hands of Christ, as their Saviour and Lord. Then is the Christian embassy successful. In the great Missionary Movement of the nineteenth century such was the central urge, and it brought a mighty harvest of souls into the Lord's garner-house.

But do we see this today? In some quarters perhaps, but so often what we see is the church tied up for lack of money, hampered because of improper organizations, hamstrung because people have come to worship the institution. We need freedom from all these restraints, that we may truly fulfill our duties as Ambassadors of Christ. Money is necessary, proper organization must be established, but, above everything else, we must all realize, and continually remind ourselves of the fact, that our primary work is to act as Ambassadors for Christ, beseeching men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God.

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WINDOWS

Let there be many windows in your soul,
That all the glory of the universe
May beautify it.
Tear away the blinds of superstition,
Let the light pour through fair windows,
Broad as truth itself,
And high as heaven!

(Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

PRAYER

Our loving Heavenly Father, as this New Year unfolds itself and another month has its beginning, we would beseech Thee to bestow upon us all Thy mercy and Thy love; to look upon us with compassion for our frailties and forgiveness for our sins; and to lift our humble hearts to Thee in the fullness of worship and of faith. We do thank Thee, Father, that in Thine infinite goodness and wisdom toward all mankind, Thou dost permit each one of us to come to Thee each day anew, seeking to lay our burdens at Thy feet, and to place our faltering hands in Thine with the perfect trust of little children, knowing that Thou, our understanding Father, wilt hold us firm and safe, and guide us through our length of days with tenderness and strength. Grant to us, O God, as we give ourselves to Thee, the great gift of that revealing vision which is of the mind and of the soul, so that we may glimpse the purpose of Thy plans, and hold before us always the steadfast advancement of Thy kingdom here on earth, and the fulfilment of our destiny in Thee.

Father, we pray that, in Thine own good time, into this troubled world of Thine may come from Thee a righteous and enduring peace, through which injustices and unbeliefs, prejudices, privations and sufferings may pass away, and true Christian fellowship arise in all its beauty in the hearts of all people, even unto the ends of the earth. Where there are lonely, troubled souls, do Thou be with them in comfort and in love; where there is pain and sadness, O Father, give the healing of Thy gentle touch; where there is perplexity and doubt, reveal Thy power and omnipotence. Teach us Thy ways, O Lord, that we may walk therein, and may Thy rich blessing and inspiration rest upon all those, who in their different ways, seek prayerfully to spread the wonder of Thy word and its redeeming grace. Very specially bless our missionaries and workers everywhere, at home or abroad, and give to them strength, courage and wisdom to carry on Thy work wherever they may be. With grateful hearts, we thank Thee for the great opportunities which lie before our Church and our Society, and ask that, in all we seek to do for Thee, we may be granted Thy constant care and guidance. We ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen. (L.M.C.)

IMPRESSIONS OF LAY-CENTRES IN EUROPE

by Miss MARGARET KENNEDY, Barwani, India

(Introduction — Miss Margaret Kennedy returned to India from a furlough in Canada by way of Britain and Europe. While on route she visited Lay-centres in Europe. The following is an account of her observations. M.E.W.)

LET ME SHARE with you some of the joy and inspiration that comes from meeting with great Christian leaders of thought, people of imagination and deep sympathy who share in the struggle of those around them, whose lives seem empty of purposes. I think of Pastor Symanowski, in Mainz-Kastel in Germany, whose burning concern is that factory workers should know that God has power and wisdom to give them in their every circumstance and in each decision they have to make. What are their circumstances, and what are the pressures brought to bear upon them in their work? Is there any clear course for the Christian amid the amoral ethics of modern business and trade unionism? This pastor went to find out. He worked in a cement factory for 1½ years, and still works as an extra, in varying departments, for a period of each year. Others are doing the same thing. At Goshner House, in Mainz-Kastel, where I was kindly received by Dr. and Mrs. Jaeckel, university students and theological students come for periods of two months and work in factories, going on shifts with the other men, then they have seminars to discuss the relevancy of the Christian faith in the problems they are experiencing.

It seemed to me that there is a boldness in the trying out of new patterns to meet new times in Europe. Gossner House is used also as a hostel for young men who have come into the city to work. Fortunately, I was there on a Monday morning and was invited to partake in their weekly "agape" (communion service). The dining room tables were joined to make one big square, and around this sat the whole House family, teachers and their families, students, maids, everyone. There was the simplest service; the bread and wine were passed around from hand to hand, some spontaneous prayers were said and the benediction pronounced. Then everyone started in to their breakfast. Every Friday night, Pastor Symanowski has a group of non-church goers in his study, some factory people, some white-collar people, and they discuss his Sunday sermon, or some Bible study which he is preparing. As yet, these people are suspicious of anything to do with the Church, of any phrase such as "reconciliation with God", but the thought of there being a way of reconciliation among us men here *is* exciting.

Another man of God I met was Dr. H. J. Rinderknecht, at the Boldern Centre of Mannedorf, Switzerland. The way he and his team are reaching out to draw people in from away beyond the rim of the Church fellowship, I found quite amazing. Presidents of big companies, leaders of labour unions, get letters from him suggesting that workers who might be interested in coming to a conference regarding perhaps some matter of inter-personnel relationships, and the relevancy of the same to Bible study, may be allowed to come without loss of pay. And they come, some rather fearfully, not sure in what they might become involved! At one such conference of factory workers, nearly a day was given over to discussion regarding a new law which had just come in that affected them. A Government spokeswoman was present to explain. Next morning, there was Bible study, with teaching to meet the needs of the group at this point. In the 1961 programme of conferences for Boldern, there are 74 conferences listed, a number of them only 2 days in length, and the variety of people involved is astonishing. Secretaries, managers, bread and pastry bakers, engaged couples, are some examples. It was very obvious to me here that so much was possible because of the power made available through unceasing prayer, and through the discipline of searching for God's will. There is also adventures of faith — if God is really Lord of all life, then let all areas of life be opened up before Him, in the expectancy of His word, whether to farm labourers who have no pension scheme, or to nurses who have trouble with their Supervisors!

Study conferences for vocational groups, as well as longer courses, are held in the other two centres I visited, at Kerk en Wereld in Driebergen, Holland, and at Gelnhausen in Germany. At Driebergen there is a four-year course (one year practical work) for young men and women lay-workers, who will go out to help lead their fellow lay-people in church-sponsored activities. Laymen come to this centre, too, to help in a movement of evangelism through journalism. A periodical is published here, attractive with pictures, etc., and is distributed personally by church members to others, this being the only method of distribution. Help comes from this centre for a nation-wide Bible study course, groups of lay-people, meeting regularly every three weeks, all leading up to the Kirchentag, the "Church Day", held every two years. The State is very much a part of this whole programme, and supports it to quite an extent.

Gelnhausen is a lovely, mediaeval town with cathedral and castle, and I must honestly admit that the only blot on the landscape is a big stark group of modern apartments put up for the American troops! One German girl told me, though, that they knew well if the American boys were not there, the Russians would be, so they are glad of them! Burckhardt House, where I stayed, is a large old home with several buildings, and a lovely chapel in the grounds. It is a hive of activity, all female in this case. Besides the vocational conferences held during the year, there is a regular course of 2½ years for Parish Assistants, a course somewhat akin to our Deaconess course. The girls have six months of this in practical work during the months of October to March, which is interesting. There are courses for volunteer workers (six weeks), and much preparation of literature is done here. One thing that interested me was that this is also the centre for the Y.W.C.A. and for the Girl Guides Association, and there seems to be a much closer relationship between all these different programmes, and the church programmes, than I have known elsewhere. The over-all Director was the General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. One morning she spoke in chapel, and about the only words I understood were "East Berlin" and as she spoke, I could feel the tense listening of all present — how I wished I knew German! I learned later that she was saying that, that very morning at 5 a.m., their sister Burckhardt House in East Berlin was being evacuated by the troops, as it was near the dividing wall, and had to be destroyed. No one knew where their fellow workers and the students were going to go.

The realism of suffering in Europe struck me many times, and made me feel that many of our problems at home were so much more superficial. It seemed to me that deeper sufferings, more real problems, had led to greater searchings of the spirit there, than we have had to face. The housekeeper at Boldern was a Hebrew Christian who had worked in Jerusalem for fourteen years, and had many tales to tell. She was so pleased to receive news while I was there, that her application to work in Berlin, among those who had suffered under the Nazis had been accepted. In December she is taking all her cheer and bigness of spirit into another difficult situation. Talk about asking for trouble!

This story is getting to be too long, and I haven't told you half the interesting things. You'll have to imagine the rest, and also try to see how challenging it will be to try and make some of this, that I have learned, applicable in quite different situations here in India. Here, too, we must meet the need of the people where that need is, and let God's voice be heard amidst poverty, illiteracy, inertia and wrong teaching. Always there is the danger that the Church will be merely another religious group, another caste of people, instead of the living witness of God's own way of life. It is great to be back here again anyway, even in the midst of the problems — it is surely for this we have the victory-power provided for us.

NAZARETH — THE HOSPITAL ON THE HILL

by DR. M. M. KERR

HIGH ABOVE the plain of Esdraelon, in the fair land once known as Palestine, half hidden in the hollow of the hills, lies the little town of Nazareth. The Nazareth of today is very different from that in which Jesus grew to manhood, but these are the hillsides on which he played as a child, and on which he walked in later years, glorying in the beauty and perfection of His Father's handiwork.

To this secluded place, about a hundred years ago, came an Armenian doctor, to heal, and to preach the Gospel in the name of Jesus. A graduate of Edinburgh, he had trained there as a student of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, and, when he found his work in Nazareth too heavy for one man, he turned to the Society for help; and the directors accepted responsibility for the future. In those days patients were housed in rented buildings, for Palestine was under Turkish rule, and other nationals were looked on with suspicion.

Many years passed before permission was granted for a new hospital to be built. Completed just before the outbreak of the first world war, the new building was badly damaged during the fighting. Although the doctor had to leave during the course of the war, the sisters carried on under Turkish military doctors, and this great service of healing and Christian witness has continued unbroken, through war and peace, to this day. Many famous names have been linked with Nazareth, but none more loved and honoured throughout the world than that of Dr. W. D. Bathgate, a New Zealand doctor who retired after 35 years' service in charge of the hospital.

Today Nazareth has a population of some 22,000 Arabs and the hospital, in addition to these, serves some 100,000 Arabs living in surrounding villages within Israel. During the year, some 3,000 patients are admitted to the wards and 15,000 more are seen as out-patients. Close to 700 mothers come to the hospital each year for the birth of their babies.

Not least among the benefits which the hospital brings to the Arab community is the training of nurses. Though unable, mainly on account of language difficulties, to take the Israeli registration examinations, nurses trained in the Hospital on the Hill have an excellent reputation for their professional work.

An interesting development during the recent years has been the coming to Scotland of Arab nurses, who have completed their training in Nazareth, to take the full British training in nursing and midwifery. They have received a most friendly welcome in the Deaconess and Bruntsfield Hospitals in Edinburgh, and return to give a lead in this much-needed profession among their own people. It is significant of changing conditions in the East, that these Arab girls have travelled to Britain at their own expense.

The Hospital staff at Nazareth is ecumenical and international in character. Of the doctors, two come from Scotland, one from England, and one from Switzerland. Among the nurses are members of the Church of Scotland, the Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church, the local Arab, and the churches of America and Canada.

Israel has developed a very efficient State Medical Service and has many fine hospitals, staffed by highly qualified doctors and nurses. All Arabs living within Israel are entitled to share in these benefits, but the cost of treatment in the government hospitals is beyond the means of most of them, and they turn in their need to the Hospital on the Hill.

From the first a spirit of friendly co-operation has existed between the hospital in Nazareth and the Church of Scotland Hospital at Tiberias, on the shores of Galilee, each offering the other a welcome change from the pressure of routine duties and ready help in time of need. In Nazareth, the hospital is a centre of fellowship for all Christian missionaries working in the area; the staff of the Anglican Boarding School for girls; the members of the Southern Baptist Church of America; who have a church and a secondary school in the town; and members of the local Brethren Assembly, engaged in village evangelistic work. Daily, in the wards, is simple language the villager can understand, is told the Gospel message of which the hospital is the living expression, and in this the Christian Arab nurses take part.

Israel today is a land of tragic contrasts, of hope and promise for thousands of young Jews who have come from many parts of the world — a land of magnificent advance and achievement — yet a land of bitter frustration, and a land overshadowed by fear and threat of war. Around its borders, close on a million homeless Arab refugees, without hope in God or man, look over the frontiers to their lost lands and homes, their hearts full of hatred and despair. They present a problem which the nations of the world have been powerless to solve, and which, in spite of the relief work of Christian Churches and philanthropic bodies throughout the world, remains one of the major tragedies of this generation.

It is against this dark background that the doctors and nurses carry out their daily tasks, seeking to tell, by word and through their work, of God's goodness and love. A few years ago Bishop Shawe, of the Moravian Church, wrote these memorable words after a visit to the hospital: — "The Carpenter's shop is silent and empty, but, up in the Hospital on the Hill, Jesus is using other tools, in the hands of the doctors and the nurses." (Courtesy of "Missionary Chronicle".)

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES
1962

Dates and Places

JULY 9-JULY 13, 1962—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario
JULY 23-JULY 27, 1962—Alberta College, Edmonton, Alberta

Purpose

To provide opportunities, for those carrying leadership responsibilities in certain aspects of Women's Missionary Society Work, to grow—

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in an understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders
- and in spiritual insight and fellowship

Who May Attend

Synodical and Presbyterial	Presidents Secretaries for: —Children's work —Girls' (Teen-Age) work —Adult work

—Officers of all Adult groups in the W.M.S. (Auxiliaries, Affiliated or Associate groups)
—Others delegated to attend by adult groups in the Society
—A limited number of C.O.C., Explorer, and C.G.I.T. leaders interested in leadership skills.

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COURAGE

Courage is the price that Life exacts
for granting peace,

The soul that knows it not
Knows no release from little things;

Knows not the stark loneliness of
fear,

Nor mountain heights where bitter
joy can hear

The sound of wings. (Amelia Earhart)

WHY DO WE STUDY?

by (Mrs. W.) RHODA GEGGIE

WHY DO WE STUDY? — Have you ever asked yourself this question? Probably you have. The sad part is that so often, when this question arises, it is just after leaving a Missionary Meeting. A particularly dull Meeting when the programme has been uninspiring — when the Study Book has been merely read, and then in a hurried, half-hearted, manner. So we think: "If that is study — why bother?"

Well — why *do* we study? What are some of the thoughts behind it?

Henry Ward Beecher has said: "A Christian is but a sinful man who has put himself to school to Christ, for the honest purpose of becoming better."

". . . to put oneself to school . . ." Now any grade school pupil knows that to go to school means study. So we, as professing Christians, as students of Christ's way, must study. Our first — and our continuing responsibility is to study the Bible. Only there can we learn the basic rules of our Christian religion. In a world today where the Bible is still the best-sold, but probably the least-read book, we must bear witness: intelligent, understanding, responsible witness. And so we study.

We say, proudly, that we are Presbyterians, but how many of us know and understand the work our Church really does, both in our own land and overseas? It is only right, and natural, that we should be concerned about the work of our local congregation. But we must broaden our outlook and see the Church beyond our doorstep. And so we study.

A Study Programme is provided each year by our Women's Missionary Society. Through it, we may learn of the Port work, the work among the Indians and the Chinese, here in Canada. We may learn of the problems of our Missionaries — of their hopes and their disappointments — as they work in Formosa, in Japan, in India, in Nigeria, in British Guiana. Through the Study Programmes we may come to understand more about the women of the early Church, and of the Old Testament — considering their lives in that day and relating them to our own.

How many teachers have said of some pupil — "If he would only apply himself . . . !" We need to apply ourselves. There is much knowledge to be gained but we must work for it. We must study.

Yes — more particularly today than perhaps in any day — we need informed, and informing, Christian women. We can not go out and talk about our faith, our Church, or the Mission of the Church unless we truly know our subject. And so we study.

(Note: This is the first of a series planned by the Adult Work Committee and written by Mrs. Geggie, a member of the Committee. The series will endeavour to interpret the significance of the word "study" in the "Aim and Purpose" of the Women's Missionary Society.)

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ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS —

NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

Miss Mabel Booth has been appointed to the office of National Secretary for Children's Work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The announcement was made jointly by the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and the Board of Christian Education. Miss Booth succeeds Miss Ada Adams, who resigned at the end of August to become Dean of Students of Ewart College.

Following graduation from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Miss Booth served on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society in the Ukrainian Church in Toronto, as deaconess to the Presbyterian Churches in the cities of Saskatoon and Edmonton, and in the Presbytery of Prince Albert. She has worked as congregational deaconess in Central Church, Galt, and in Glenview Church, Toronto.

Throughout her professional life, Miss Booth has specialized in Christian education and in children's work in particular. She has taken leadership training in children's work at Wooster College, Ohio; Wells College, N.Y., and at Northfield, Mass.

For a number of years, Miss Booth has been the Supervisor of Field Work for the first-year students of Ewart College. In 1960 she served on the staff of the Observation Practice School at McMaster University.

MISS CLARE HANES — MISS RUBY WALKER

In the Synodicals of Hamilton and London, and Toronto and Kingston, an experiment is being tried. At the present time the Regional Secretaries, Miss Clare Hanes and Miss Ruby Walker, are both working in both Synodicals: the division in their work is in the age groups for which each is responsible, rather than geographical.

Miss Clare Hanes has been assigned responsibility for work among children, and teen-age youth. As a Regional Secretary, Miss Hanes represents both the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., who are joint sponsors of C.O.C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T. Therefore Miss Hanes will be involved in projects that may be planned by Synod and Presbytery Christian Education Committees, for leaders and teachers of youth up to 18 years of age. Miss Hanes is making her headquarters in Woodstock, Ontario.

Miss Ruby Walker has been assigned responsibility in Adult Work in the two Synodicals. As a Regional Secretary, Miss Walker represents the Board of Christian Education, as well as the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. Therefore she will be involved in work planned by Synod and Presbytery Christian Education Committees for young people over 18 years of age. Miss Walker is making her headquarters in Toronto.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all newly appointed Presbyterial officers that, as they begin their terms of office, they may seek to fully understand their responsibilities and to undertake them, depending upon the guidance of God.

—For all Synodical officers as they prepare for Synodical Annual Meetings, that these meetings may be a blessing to all who participate in them, and a challenge to greater efforts in undertaking our share in the Church's work.

—For the Chinese workers in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, and Windsor, that, from their Christian witness and inspiring leadership, many Chinese people will be brought to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

—To give thanks for the many years of devoted leadership rendered by Miss Gertrude Scott to the Chinese people in Victoria. May God's richest blessing be upon her in her time of retirement.

—For the work of the Church in the Bhil field in India -— pray that leaders may be found in India, and in Canada, to assist in the development of this Church in all aspects of its life.

—For the Christians in all countries of the world, where threat of strife, or actual strife, is yet another difficulty to overcome in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that they may be given the courage, strength, and patience, to do the will of God, if danger threatens.

THE GENEVA GROUP — AND THE DELHI CONFERENCE!

by ISABELLA T. HUNTER

TO A GROUP of young women in Toronto the name *Geneva* carries a double significance. It is the name of the Affiliated Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., to which they belong, and it is the name of that Swiss city in which is located the office of the World Council of Churches. The two Genevas have been recently very closely linked with New Delhi, India. Many miles separate the three points from each other, but for some months information emanating from Geneva, Switzerland, has been focusing the thoughts of the Toronto Genevans on New Delhi. Why is this so?

In 1954, the Second General Assembly of the World Council of Churches was held in Evanston, Illinois. In the intervening years, from information that has come out of Geneva, the Churches have been made aware of the plans for the Third General Assembly, to be held in New Delhi, for three weeks beginning on the 18th of November, 1961.

Late last year, news of the Pre-Assembly Study Book, *"Jesus Christ the Light of the World"*, was received and, in February, a stock of the book reached our Presbyterian Church in Canada. All the publicity in connection with the Study Book emphasized the desire of the World Council of Churches to have the book used by individuals and groups around the world, to involve them in preparation for, and participation in, the Third Assembly. The Committee on the Laity, on behalf of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations, was charged with the responsibility of getting the study out through the Church, and in use as widely as possible. Copies were sent to Ministers, Professors, Chaplains, Workers at Home and Overseas — a great host of people who were asked to put the complimentary copies to work in their particular areas.

One of the groups thus touched was the Geneva Group. A Study Project of this magnitude was just what they wanted, because study and discussion has been the backbone of the Group, in its more than twenty-five years together. Each member purchased a copy of the Study Book, and undertook to do her reading homework. On the first night of the Study, the Worship was on Jesus' words, "I am the Light of the world", thus setting the stage for the wider consideration of the theme of the book.

The first half of the book is devoted to a series of eight Bible Studies, based on passages in both the Old and the New Testaments. In creation, in prophecy, and in revelation, the members were directed to God's visitation to men, throughout the whole world, through His Word that became

Light. To those who believe in Him, Jesus brings light — not to be hidden under a bushel, but to be set on a hill. "It belongs to the very nature of the Church to radiate His light." The suggested discussion with each Bible Study turned the thinking of the group to the community, the parish, the organization where "you" lived and worked. It became a personal question of how each one was fulfilling the obligation of being a witness to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

It was a simple step, then, to go into the second section of the book, which is a study of the three themes — WITNESS, SERVICE, UNITY — which were chosen for discussion at the Assembly. As the introduction to the section says, "witness involves both word and deed . . . leads to, and requires, unity and service . . . each of the themes points us back to the common calling of the Church in Jesus Christ".

Genevans followed this lead, as they considered and discussed the three themes. They admitted the weakness of man's witness, in many ways and in varying situations, but took fresh courage from the remembrance that we cannot judge the effectiveness of our witness. We can sow the seed, but God alone gives the increase. From the Biblical understanding of service, the group went on to consider several types of modern service — in daily work, in voluntary service to others, and in corporate services, and actions of the churches. In these days of population pressures and racial tensions, there is so much to be done. Is the effort of the individual puny and futile? Here again we sow in faith, with our brethren in Christ, that our service, involving our witness, will bear fruit, when we act in the power of the Light where we are, in politics, government, industry, the home, the school, the market place.

The Group took a very serious look at *unity,* particularly the 1960 declaration of the Commission of Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, which states "The unity, which is both God's will and His gift to His Church, is one which brings all, in each place who confess Christ Jesus as Lord, into a fully committed fellowship with one another through one baptism into Him, holding the one Apostolic faith, preaching the one Gospel, and breaking the one bread, and having a corporate life reaching out in witness and service to all, which, at the same time, unites them with the whole Christian fellowship in all places and all ages, in such wise that ministry and members are acknowledged by all, and that all can act and speak together, as occasion requires, for the tasks to which God calls the Church." As the Study points out, the subject of unity arouses a variety of fears and hopes. Much study, mellowed by Christian love, must go into the Ecumenical Movement before it will be thoroughly and rightly understood by the majority in the Churches. The unjustifiable fears and selfish hopes must be banished. The eyes of the Christian world — and the non-Christian world too — have been focused on the meetings in New Delhi, to see how close to the ideal the delegates could come. Our participation through prayer upheld them and made them channels for the working of the Holy Spirit, to the end that God's will may be done.

The climax of the Study, for the Genevans, was a weekend in the country. Here again, in Worship and discussion, they turned their thoughts to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. The following short statement was forwarded to the Committee on the Laity, as the findings of the group — "We need a new realization of our responsibility as members of the body of Christ, thinking of the Church in its true sense, so that we might fulfil our share of the purpose of His mission in the world, which is 'our reasonable service'. If every church member were spirit-filled, using all the power potential, God-given through the Scriptures, the Church would be a teaching Church and a witnessing Church, which would lift it out of the doldrums of this present day."

The Study was a stimulating experience, but the measure of its value was in the deepened insights that accrued to each member. Our vision is now broader, and our interest keener. Those who were present in New Delhi became our ambassadors in a very real sense, and our prayers upheld them, as they gave of their understanding and experience to the consideration of the business of the World Council of Churches, and sought to make it, in very truth, the work of the Church of Christ in the world.

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The World Day of Prayer — March 9, 1962

By LT. COL. ANNIE FAIRHURST

Corresponding Secretary—Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

THE 1962 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER approaches and will be observed on Friday, March 9th. Its inspiring theme is "God's Love for the Whole World", and the women of Canada will be proud to again join in that world-wide, ever-increasing throng of Christian women who will petition the Throne of Grace in a very special way that the love of God may indeed fill the hearts of His children here and abroad, and bring the peace which is the most important peace of all, that is, peace of heart and mind, free from hatred, bitterness, and strife.

In Canada, from Yellowknife in the N.W.T. to the outposts of Newfoundland, in small prairie towns and large cities, whether women gather in ones, tens, or hundreds, regardless of the barriers of sect or creed, they will join in that loving band of those who once again form links in that great prayer chain that can verily bind the world together with God's love. Writing from a small place in Quebec where nineteen women met in her home for the service in 1961, a woman wrote, "We all enjoy our part of being a link in the chain of prayer services round the world. In some way, one has the feeling of being very humble and yet important."

Three special aspects of the World Day of Prayer are noteworthy. The first is *unity* — the opportunity offered Christian women of all faiths to mingle in fellowship and prayer, forgetting differences and divisions, and bringing together, not only Women's Church Groups but women outside the Church, neighbours, and newcomers, to share in this privilege of prayer. Thus new links are forged in this Prayer Chain, and emphasis is given the great principles of love which Christ, Himself, not only taught and lived, but for which He died.

Second, is the tremendous potential of *prayer-power* generated by this world-wide effort, when hundreds of thousands of women around the world join in penitence, praise, and petition to the loving Father of all. Many of these Services will be held in lands of chaos and trouble, where national strife holds sway. And, who can accurately measure the power and influence when women pray in unity? Thirdly, there is the opportunity for *sharing* in the Offerings, and so helping in the great work of providing, publishing, and distributing, Christian literature where it is so urgently needed.

In Canada, much progress is made each year in making the World Day of Prayer a really united event. This is evidenced in the record offering of 1961. In the 3500 Centres throughout the Dominion, the Service is held, if possible at all, even though the World Day of Prayer comes in the coldest part of our winter. The Adult Service is increasingly attended; a Noonday Service for business women is usually held; both the Girls' and Childrens' Services are growing in influence and numbers — sometimes held in schools, with both boys and girls joining in Worship.

Much credit for the success of the "Day" goes to local committees who plan so well. An increase in the number of permanent Inter-Church local councils is good news, and it is hoped they will continue to increase. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, 97 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario, is always happy to inform and advise groups desiring to form a local council. In some cities monthly prayer meetings are held and other united events planned during the year. In this way, continued plans for the World Day of Prayer can be made, as well as the mingling of communions in Christian fellowship. The Service for 1962 has been prepared by a Committee of Church women of Uruguay, South America.

Letters of thanks for the Christian literature provided through the givings on the World Day of Prayer come from such diversified centres as Chung

Chi College, Hong Kong; St. Christopher's Training College, Madras; the Christian Literature Society of Japan in Tokyo; the Bible women of Lahore; to mention a very few of those who benefit from the Offerings received. Thus, the women of Canada who take part in this united prayer service may feel they are lighting lamps to illuminate the mental and spiritual darkness in the world. Think of the illiterate women of Africa, gathered in small companies, patiently spelling out the syllables of their reading lessons, until one day, the letters and sounds make sense, as they read a portion of God's word in their own language, and comprehension brings a joy unspeakable.

In these days, floods of anti-Christian literature are available in the primitive parts of the world, making it more important than ever to help those who translate, publish, and distribute the eternal Word of God. We know that a verse, a paragraph of the Bible, a Christian book, or pamphlet, can be used by the Holy Spirit to bring the "Light of the knowledge of the glory of God", and His truth, to pagan minds obsessed with ignorance, superstition and even doubt. Indeed it can bring eternal life to those living without hope.

It might not be out of place to request each one who may read this article to place on her prayer list the successful outcome of the World Day of Prayer in 1962, with its timely topic "God's Love for the Whole World". And with this would naturally go a personal dedication to do everything possible to plan, organize, and persuade, an increasing number of women to join the prayer chain which can bind us together in the unique bondage of love's freedom, the panacea needed today more than ever in history.

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My Daily Prayer

If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.

(Grenville Kleiser)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

by MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

MY FIRST SIX WEEKS on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) were interesting and varied. During the period it was my privilege, in company with Miss Frieda E. Matthews, to visit our National Staff from Montreal to Victoria, and to see the work for which our National Department is responsible. The trip also afforded me an opportunity to meet many of the faithful members of our Society, and to see some of the areas where our Church is carrying out its mission within our nation.

Although I have been familiar with the activities of our Society for quite a number of years, I found that visiting the various phases of our National work in rapid succession was an almost overwhelming experience. One was deeply impressed by the magnitude of the task that has been committed to us, as well as by the many difficulties and problems to be surmounted. It would be presumptuous of me to think that one brief field visit was sufficient to provide me with a complete picture of our National task, or with all the answers to the problems we face in performing that task. One visit, however, was sufficient to open up for me a whole new understanding of the job, to which we, as members of our Society, have put our hand.

The first and last stops on our westward trip were at our Indian Residential Schools, where there is a combined enrolment of over 300 children. I was impressed with the well-equipped buildings, and the tremendous job with which our staffs are confronted — a task that is often fraught with disappointments. As I listened to the soft voices of the youngsters, voices which reminded me of the whisper of the wind through the trees, I could not help but wonder what the future held for them. How quick these children were to accept and claim one as their friend! I thought how very different the story of our Indian Canadians would read, if we were as ready to accept them.

For many of the younger children, setting off for school is tantamount to going to a "foreign" country. They must learn a new language, and become acquainted with a new culture — a whole new world lies before them. The language problem is a handicap which carries right through for those who wish to take higher education. The first Canadians also are handicapped by the way of life which has been forced upon them by the second Canadians, a way of life which militates against them becoming better equipped to make a place for themselves outside the Reserve. The Indian Canadians need help to help themselves. They will develop into responsible Christian citizens, only as the Church of Jesus Christ is faithful in providing the help they require.

One of the highlights of our trip was attending the Dedication of Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg. It was a joy to see the home into which Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denholm have transformed the House, and to meet some of the Indian Canadian boys who are members of our Fellowship House "family".

I often had heard of the crowded conditions under which our Chinese congregation in Vancouver laboured. Our visit proved to us that the story had not been exaggerated. Who would have guessed, on that rainy Sunday morning, that a Church-School class was being taught in the Kindergarten Van, which stood in the parking lot next to the church? A few days before, I had made the thirty-mile trip in the same Van, as some of the kindergarten children were transported to their homes. I had been cautioned that I would require ear plugs for the ride, but, as we drove along, I wondered about the warning, for the children were peculiarly quiet. I discovered the reason when I turned to see thirty-four dark eyes upon the stranger in the front seat. That morning we watched seventeen little missionaries go off to their "foreign" mission fields, for many of the kindergarten children whom we had heard quoting Scripture verses, in both Chinese and English, were returning to their non-Christian homes. Could it not be that "a little child shall lead them"?

I was very much impressed by the fine calibre of our National Staff, a staff engaged in a wide variety of work — in Institutions, visiting our Hospitals, in Downtown Missions, on Indian Reserves, in Presbytery work, and among the Chinese people — yet each well-suited to his or her particular task, and deeply concerned with that area of Christian service allotted to them. Space does not permit me to write all I should like to about each phase of the work, and those involved in it; however, I can assure our Society that they are well represented on the home front.

My first field trip not only gave me a new understanding of our task, but also a much deeper concern for the work to which we are committed. Repeatedly, I found the words of the Apostle Paul running through my mind, "A great door for effective work is open to me". Much has been accomplished in the past, but we still are faced with unlimited opportunities, and, in so many areas, we are just scraping the surface. As in the days of Paul, so today, open doors are accompanied by "many adversaries". I am of the opinion that the greatest adversary we face today is indifference —

indifference from within the Church, and from without. Too often we voice concern, but our attitudes do not confirm our words. I came across this question in a booklet recently: "Do your attitudes express Christian community and fellowship, or do they voice indifference, the cruelty of carelessness and insensitivity?" What would *your* answer be? Our task at home cannot be accomplished if it is left to our National Staff — it requires the concern of each member of our Society, a genuine concern, evidenced by our actions and our deeds.

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In Remembrance

Name	**Church**	**Presbyterial**
Mrs. Mary Ann Macdonald	St. Paul's Banff	Alberta
Mrs. Mildred Bredson	St. Andrew's, Huntsville	Barrie
Mrs. John Mackay	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Miss Christine Macdonald	Knox, Tara	Bruce and Owen Sound
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Miss Agnes Gould	Knox, Acton	Guelph
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Mrs. James Vass	St. Andrew's, Fort William	Superior
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Mrs. Jane McNabb	St. Andrew's, Victoria	Victoria
Miss Jean Oswald	Knox, Sapperton	Westminster

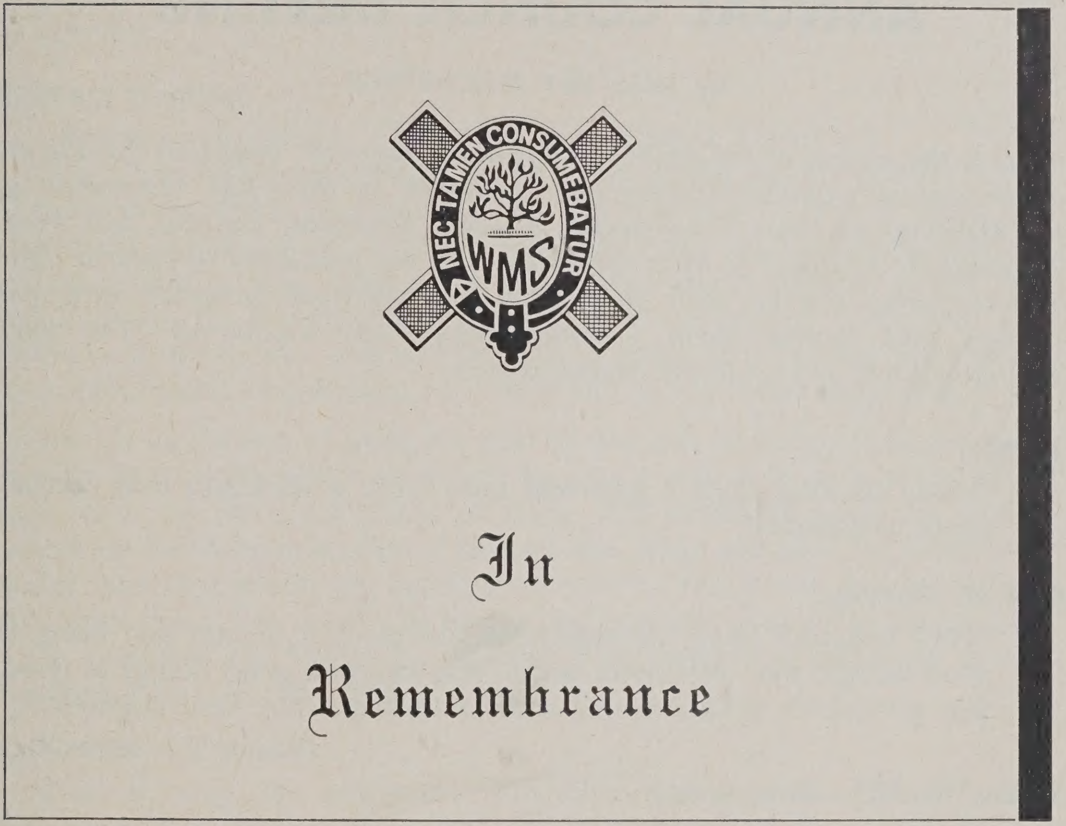
Ready Now —

THE "IN REMEMBRANCE" CARDS!

In response to numerous requests, it was agreed at the Council Meeting in 1961, "that a card be prepared by the national office, and made available to Auxiliaries, similar to cards used by other Societies, whereby friends of departed ones could give a gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), in lieu of flowers." These cards are now available. The following statement outlines the plan for their distribution and use:—

1. These cards will be handled by the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, who will order them, in such quantities as they desire, from the Publications Department.
2. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary, in her turn, will order the number she needs from the Presbyterial Secretary. The price will be at the rate of fifty cents per dozen. Presbyterial Secretaries are advised to keep a supply in stock.
3. Anyone desiring these cards may secure them from the Literature Secretary of the local Auxiliary, who should keep some on hand. In Auxiliaries without a Literature Secretary some responsible person should be appointed to handle these cards.
4. The money so donated as an "In Remembrance" gift will be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who will then provide the donor with an official receipt.
5. The card, itself, will be signed and sent to the bereaved family by the donor.
6. These "In Remembrance" gifts will be included in the Auxiliary contribution to the General Fund of the Society.

THE "IN REMEMBRANCE" CARD!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These "In Remembrance" Cards are white, with front border, W.M.S. Crest, and Old English lettering in good "Presbyterian Blue". They measure 4¼" wide by 5¾" long. On the inner front page are the words "A Gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been given for the Work of the Society at Home and Overseas". On the opposite page are the words — "To the Glory of God and in memory of .... from ...."

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
At The
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by MISS LILY MACARTHUR

(This is the second of the series of Devotional Services, based on the Theme of the Annual Council Meeting, and conducted by Miss Lily Macarthur, at the Meetings in Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario, last May. Through the kindness of Miss Macarthur, we are privileged to publish these Services, thus sharing their inspiration and spiritual guidance with our readers, and, through them, we trust, with many Auxiliaries. The third Devotional will appear in the March issue.)

Theme:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Call To Worship:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

(Isaiah 52—verse 7)

Hymn No. 323—three verses:

"Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day."

Prayer:

O Lord, our God, enable us to come to Thee at this morning hour with quiet hearts, so that we may hear what Thou, the Lord, dost say unto us. Lift our thoughts above ourselves and our desires, that we may know the things which are of first importance. Cleanse our lives of all that is evil, and take away from us everything that is unlovely, that we may see the beauty of the Lord, Whom we would serve. Make our wills obedient, that we may be workmen approved of Thee. Grant that in all our service, our motives and endeavours may be the honouring of Thy name, and the advancement of Thy Kingdom. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 6—verses 10-18 (The New English Bible)

"Finally then, find your strength in the Lord, in His mighty power. Put on all the armour which God provides, so that you may be able to stand firm against the devices of the devil. For our fight is not against human foes, but against cosmic powers, against the Authorities and potentates of this dark world, against the superhuman forces of evil in the heavens. Therefore, take up God's armour, then you will be able to stand your ground when things are at their worst, to complete every task and still to stand; stand firm, I say.

Buckle on the belt of truth; for coat of mail put on integrity; let the shoes on your feet be the gospel of peace, to give you firm footing; and with all these, take up the great shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take salvation for helmet; for sword, take that which the Spirit gives you — the words that come from God. Give yourselves wholly to prayer and entreaty; pray on every occasion in the power of the Spirit. To this end keep watch and persevere, always interceding for all God's people."

Meditation:

This morning, we centre our Meditation on the word **"Study".** The dictionary gives long explanations of the meaning of this word. In our theme-verse, it would seem to mean (a) careful consideration or (b) special endeavour to understand.

As God's workman, we must study—

(1) **Ourself.** A workman truly in earnest will seek the teaching of the Holy Spirit. He may lead us to consider the **motive** for our service. We will certainly be led to consider whether we are using our time, our talents, our possessions, in ways which will be approved of God. It will not always be easy to make choices or decisions, and what seems right today, may not appear to be so a year later. God knows us, each one as she really is, and loves us too well to allow us to be satisfied with anything but our best.

As God's workman, we must study—

(2) **People near us.** We will give consideration, not to criticize unfavourably, but to understand people who think differently from us. We will seek to

appreciate people from other lands, of other races, and with different customs. We will be satisfied when other people are praised, even if our service is not recognized.

As God's workmen we must study—

(3) **World conditions.** As we look around the world, we do not like what we see. We are afraid, and yet, what we know is only a small part of what is being said and done in the world today. We are inclined to be critical. One wonders what the situation between Nations would be today if the Church Universal had been more faithful in its witness. Years ago, one heard the term "Yellow Peril" — a horrible expression! Missionary people sometimes used it when urging Church folk to more earnest Missionary endeavour — a wrong reason. Obedience to the command of Jesus Christ, not fear, must always be the nature of Missionary service.

Study should lead to **action.** Professed followers of Jesus Christ could today transform the world, if we really believed that Jesus Christ is **alive,** and waiting to be active in every person who claims His salvation. Power belongs unto Him. He said so — "All power is given unto Me. Go ye and teach all Nations. Lo, I am with you alway."

Prayer Hymn—No. 643—verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

(As we sing, or read, this Hymn, let us not limit the words to our own land.)

"Great King of Nations, hear our prayer,
While at Thy feet we fall,
And humbly with united cry
To Thee for mercy call.

Our fathers' sins were manifold,
And ours no less we own,
Yet wondrously from age to age
Thy goodness hath been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea,
Beset our country round,
To Thee we looked, to Thee we cried,
And help in Thee we found.

With pitying eye behold our need,
As thus we lift our prayer,
Correct us with Thy judgements, Lord:
Then let Thy mercy spare." Amen.

MESSAGE FROM MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, REG. N.

Dear Friends:—

While I have been studying Nursing Administration from the angle of the patient, many friends throughout our Society have upheld me in prayer, and have sent cards and notes to me. As it would be difficult to say "thank you" to each one personally, I have asked Mrs. Cherry if she will put this little note in Glad Tidings. While the operation and the uncertainty of diagnosis for a time were somewhat trying, I do praise God for the wonderful peace He gave throughout the past few weeks. I shall be able to witness, with deep sincerity, as to the reality of such promises as "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because He trusteth in Thee." The favorable prognosis gives great joy, and I look to the future in faith that God will provide all that is needed for another term of service in India.

My best wishes to the members of our Society for blessing in His service in 1962.

Sincerely, Bessie MacMurchy.

NOTICE

1962 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, MARCH 9th

THEME — God's Love For The Whole World

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Adult	Order of Service in English	2c each	This includes postage
	" " " " French	2c "	
	" " " " Chinese	2c "	
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Girls'	" " "	1½c each	
Children's	" " "	1½ "	

Posters	10c each

Suggestions for Speakers History of the World Day of Prayer Planning for the World Day of Prayer	Free on request

Orders should be sent to:

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
97 St. George Street, Toronto 5, Ontario

YOU WERE ASKING?

by KATHRYN DUNCANSON

(A C.G.I.T. group asked questions of Kathryn Duncanson about the life of teen-age girls and boys in British Guiana. She writes her answers in these pages. Now living in Toronto, she is the daughter of the Rev. R. D. Duncanson, who has just returned, with his family, from New Amsterdam, British Guiana, where he served on the staff of the Berbice High School.)

When you celebrate Christmas do you have plays, parties, Christmas trees, lights, carols and decorations?

Christmas is celebrated in much the same way as in Canada. Each home may well have a little artificial tree, as we have no fir trees. It will be decorated with bulbs and lights just like yours. Various groups go through the countryside, in trucks or buses, singing carols, all the week before Christmas. Often a poor little boy, who may have been sent by his mother, dresses like a shepherd and comes singing at your door, holding a can for a penny to take home to his poor mother. Various guilds and clubs have plays at Christmas. The Convents usually put on lovely Christmas plays and the Girl Guides may have one.

The Christmas season in British Guiana brings out the jolly nature of the Indian, and he loves, at that time more than any other, to have parties. These are mostly house parties, and are very enjoyable. Again the various clubs, such as the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Y.W.C.A., and Y.M.C.A. will have dances.

What about your school? Do your grades and subjects correspond with ours? Do you have more than one teacher? Would there be many foreigners in the school beside yourself? Would you have after-school dates with native boys?

The school that I went to in British Guiana is in the second largest city, New Amsterdam. It is the only High School operated by the Guianese Presbyterian Church, in British Guiana. It is co-ed, and high school students of all races attend it. There were four other students who were not Guianese besides myself, — two whose fathers were state managers; another whose father was a business man; and the other one was the son of a Congregational Church missionary. Our grades are entirely different from Canada. We use the English school system in British Guiana. Our subjects are identical to the subjects taken in the High Schools in Canada, except that arithmetic is taught throughout High School. We have a different teacher for every subject, as in Canada. We do not move from class to class; the teachers come to us. This is in all cases except for Science subjects, when we go to the "labs". The boys and girls do not have after school dates, in the sense that the boys take them to the soda fountain. They do ride home with them on their bicycles, as everyone there goes to school on a bicycle.

Are the girls in British Guiana creative in drama, painting, and designing clothes?

In the High Schools in the country districts (including New Amsterdam) facilities for learning these types of art are not available to everyone. We have few dramatic clubs, or painting classes, in school, but there are painting classes for teen-agers outside. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts put on a play yearly on Empire Youth Sunday, and that is about all the dramatics there are in New Amsterdam. The High Schools may put on one play a year, for graduation, but there are not any special clubs for those interested. Of course, in Georgetown, facilities and personnel are available for such groups. There are dramatic clubs in schools, as well as art classes.

The girls in British Guiana love to make and design their own clothes. Sometimes they may see a pattern which they like in a magazine, or they may design a dress themselves for any occasion. They do not buy ready-made clothes, nor do they buy patterns to make their own. They just buy the cloth they want and cut it out perfectly, with not even a newspaper pattern. This is a hobby that many of the girls love.

Do You Have Summer Camps? Are they girls' camps or co-ed? Would

Berbice High School.

your recreational activities include swimming, ice skating, and roller skating?

We do have summer camps, but not government camps as in Canada. The camps are not specially selected camp sites with cabins etc. We choose a camp site ourselves, and live in tents, or in people's homes who live nearby. The Inter-School Christian Fellowship groups, from various High Schools throughout the colony, have Easter camps at our only airport. They are co-ed, but the boys and girls are not allowed to swim together. The Boy Scouts have camps at the Airbase also, during August. The Girl Guides have had a few, but these are not common, as the parents of the girls do not like them to go away from home.

The climate is warm all year round, from 72°-92°, so we do not ice skate at all. We do not have roller skating, although you do see a few young children with them.

Our activities outdoors include basketball (there are many girls' and boys' basketball teams), volleyball, netball, tennis and ground hockey. Swimming is done occasionally, but very few in New Amsterdam, and country districts, can swim. In Georgetown, more girls and boys can swim, but there is not a public swimming pool as yet. We have no beautiful beaches, as most tropical countries have. We have two beaches, but they are not very clean, and the waves are too high for swimming.

Do your friends enjoy jazz, or do they prefer their own native music? Do they show American movies? Do they have stores similar to what we call malt shops?

The young people do not as a rule like jazz but they do like rock 'n roll very much. The top tunes in British Guiana are the same as in Canada or the United States. They have steel bands made from oil drums, and they make lovely music. The graduation dances usually have steel band music. The Mission School that I attended in New Amsterdam did not have a dance after graduation.

They show American movies and Indian movies. They get some of the best American movies, e.g. — 'Ben Hur', 'South Pacific', and 'The Robe'.

They do not have corner drug stores, or malt shops, as you do here in Canada. In New Amsterdam there are two restaurants (not like the modern Canadian ones, but very clean). They sell milk shakes, sodas, etc., but nothing heavier than soup. There are a few more in Georgetown, but here again they are not like the Canadian restaurants.

Are your friends in British Guiana as fearful of nuclear weapons, and as concerned about Russia's aggressiveness, as we are?

The young girls and fellows in British Guiana are not as concerned about nuclear weapons as you are in Canada. They are very happy-go-lucky people. Life is much simpler and is not so busy and troubled. They are not concerned about Russia's aggressiveness, either, because they do not worry about life. They enjoy it to the full, and do not worry about other countries.

How could we, as Canadian Girls In Training, be of help to girls in British Guiana?

I think you, as Christian girls, could let a small group of girls, who are trying to get together to form a C.G.I.T. group, know of your interest in them. This can be done in two ways. One, of course, is by letter-writing to their leader, and another, by your prayers. They need your prayers, for many of them still may have Hindu parents, while others may themselves not be Christians. Tell them you are praying for them, so they may feel nearer to you because Christ is in the centre of both of your groups.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1961

	1960	1961
British Columbia	$ 5,401.80	$ 7,173.20
Alberta	5,227.60	4,600.00
Saskatchewan	3,082.17	3,846.67
Manitoba	5,929.00	6,812.84
Hamilton and London	61,048.25	78,308.04
Toronto and Kingston	63,369.70	60,987.61
Montreal and Ottawa	38,139.50	30,801.70
	$182,198.02	$192,530.06

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the sum of .... dollars, free of succession duty, to be paid for the purpose of the said Society (Western Division) to the Treasurer for the time being thereof, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the payment.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

HOW TO HELP THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

By Josephine Robertson

The Author of this book, who has also written "Prayer For A Woman's Day"; "New Prayers For a Woman's Day", and "Meditations on Garden Themes", is a busy housewife, now living in Lewiston, New York, who has been active in many fields of Community and Church work. She has written this new book with the verse "With all thy getting, get understanding", (Proverbs 4: 7) very much in mind, and in each Chapter she stresses the deep necessity of finding a greater understanding of the viewpoints, problems, and needs, of other people, and gives practical examples and reasons of how an "understanding" person can truly help in many of life's troubled and difficult situations. Mrs. Robertson feels that this gaining, and practice, of understanding is very definitely a most important part of our Christian religion, and one that needs much careful thought and consideration, if we, who call ourselves Christians, are to truly help others through Christian fellowship and practical understanding, both of people and situations. In the 13 Chapters, she discusses — "How to Visit the Sick; Help in Time of Sorrow; Help and Self-Help for the Newcomer; Help Through Letters; How to Help the Handicapped — the Deaf, Blind, or Disabled; Attitudes Toward Alcoholism; Toward Mental Illness; Help to the Aging; Help with Heartaches; Through Listening; How to Help Fight Prejudice; Help in Everyday Contacts; Helping Others to Find Help." A really helpful and inspiring book — Price — $2.95.

NEW VOICES, OLD WORLDS, By Paul Geren

Here we have the true, and fascinating, biographies of fifteen remarkable people, of as many different nationalities and backgrounds, but all with one common bond in Christianity. Each in his time, and in his own way, has spoken with the strong voice of the Christian faith, because he, or she, was a true follower of Jesus Christ. They are indeed the "new voices" of the old worlds of the Middle East. Some grew up in Christian families; some in homes where Christianity was forbidden. All are action stories, vibrant with life, and with a strong note of triumph. Mansur Sang of Iran became an itinerant preacher, and now a Church in the Iranian Mountains bears witness to his faith. Halana Makhiel, born in a small village in the Nile Delta of Egypt, is the fine Christian woman beloved in all Egyptian villages because she has brought to them the light of reading, and the knowledge of the Bible; John Van Ess and Dorothy, his wife, began their service for Christ by travelling 600 miles down the Euphrates in a boat of wood and skin, selling soap and carrying passengers. Their fine Christian influence resulted in Schools and education for both men and women, and the results of their Missionary work are still being felt in the Middle East. Other Chapters tell of William Shedd, the American, whose life-work was among the Urmians, of the north west corner of Iran; "Two Sisters of Courage", who worked among the Turks; Marcos Daoud, who lives today and whose contribution to Christianity in the Middle East can never fully be appraised; and Charles Habib Malik, the well-known Diplomat and foremost spokesman for the millions of Muslims in the Middle East, who is a devout and dedicated Christian. Price—cloth, $2.95; paper, $1.50.

WINDBREAKS By J. Martin Bailey

While this is a book which would be of great interest to readers of any age, it is of special appeal to young people, who are looking into their place in the Church of today, and its ministering to the whole of life, and, in the six graphic stories of the rural Church in action, may come to see the vital role they, themselves, may play in their own rural Church and community. In the story of the Aleda-Upland co-operative parish, we see how one young girl's complaint that she and her young friends had "nothing to do", set in motion a whole chain of dynamic events. In the "cow-pasture become park", what had started as co-operation by three small Churches to provide recreation for their young people, resulted in a union of these Churches to make a strong co-operative parish. In other Chapters we read of a homesteading plan through which the Church helped young farmers to acquire land of their own; of a young Maryland "cow-girl", who flew with 42 calves from the finest herds of her homeland, to Turkey, as a representative from the Frederich County Youth Council, and their "Heifer Project", a practical mission from her own country to another; how in one district, each landowner set aside one plot of land as "The Lord's Acre", and how the proceeds from all these plots, presently bought new pews for the old Church, and soon so many people joined in this project that at the 250th Anniversary of this historic place of Worship, the whole building had been beautifully restored to its original dignity and beauty. Each of these six compelling stories shows the Church at its finest, as it ministers to the whole of life, and so becomes a "Windbreak" to stop the elements that waste the vitality of town and country communities. Price—cloth, $2.95; paper, $1.50.

SEVEN RIVERS OF CANADA By Hugh MacLennan

In the stories of these great rivers of our own great land, all in one volume, we have indeed the story of a Nation, factual, romantic, and memorable, and told with fascinating power, by that master of Canadian writers, Hugh MacLennan. Here is the St. Lawrence; the far-north Mackenzie; the historic Red; the St. John and its Reversing Falls; the Ottawa; the broad winding Saskatchewan; the powerful and dynamic Fraser. Filled with knowledge, beauty and appreciation, geographical accuracy and haunting prose, this is a book which should be read by every Canadian. Price—$5.00.

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Boys and Girls!

A NEW FRIEND

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"HI! YOU'RE NEW HERE, AREN'T YOU?" It was Stevie. He had just come into the church with some of his C.O.C. and Explorer friends. A boy about his own age was looking at some pictures on the wall.

"My name is Alex," said the boy. "I'm visiting."

"Oh, you must be Aunt Mary's friend," said Marjie.

"That's right," said Alex. "Mother and Father and Tina, my little sister, and I, have come to see Aunt Mary before we go home."

"Do you live far away?" asked Ann.

"Yes. I live in British Guiana," said Alex. "We have been here in Canada for several months. Father has been here on business. Now he is finished. In a few days we will go home again."

"We've been learning about British Guiana," said Tim. "Would you tell us more about it?"

"Sure," said Alex. "What would you like to know?"

"Well," said Janey, "I'd like to

know about the house you live in. Aunt Mary showed us some pictures of houses away up on poles. Are they all like that in British Guiana?"

"Oh, no!" laughed Alex. "But many are. You see, there are many rivers and streams there just as there are here. But in the rainy season it rains so much the water comes over the banks. Before we know it there is water all around. If the houses in the flooded places were not built up on platforms everything would be lost. This way the water does not hurt them and the people can come and go in little boats.

My cousin Samuel, (we call him Sam, for short) lives in a house like that. It is made of wood. It has a verandah on two sides of it. The roof is made of wooden shingles. Some roofs are made of sheet metal. Others are thatched with branches of palm trees. In the dry season, boys and girls can play under the house. It seems a little cooler there.

I live in the city of Georgetown. The house I live in is a big, big house. There are many people who live in it. It is an apartment house, something like the ones you have here. But it is made of wood and not brick. There are not many brick buildings in British Guiana. Father has a good job and so we can afford to live in a big apartment. It has five rooms.

My friend, Peter, lives across the hall. We have many happy times together. One day, his father took us for a long ride into the jungle. When we came to one village, we saw other kinds of houses. They were tiny mud huts with thatched roofs."

"Do you play any of the games we play?" asked Ann.

"Yes, some," was the reply. "We play hide-and-seek, tennis, soccer, hockey . . ."

"Hockey!" exclaimed Tim, "but I thought . . ."

"I know," laughed Alex. "You thought because we have no snow, we can't play hockey. But we do! We play it in a field. Of course our rules are a little different. Our stick and 'puck' are different too, but we play hockey just the same.

We play all kinds of tag. We like to play one kind called Sick Cat. Let's play it now. This is the way it goes. —

I'll be the cat. I will chase all of you. When I touch someone, hold onto the place I touch. Then you are a sick cat, and run with me and try to get more sick cats, until everybody is caught."

"That's something like poison tag," said Peter.

"Let's go," said Marjie.

"Oh, I'm caught," said Ann.

"Quick, get him," cried Bob.

"Billy is the winner," called Alex.

"Whew! I'm all out of breath," laughed Janey. "That was a lot of fun."

"Do you like stories and songs and things like that too?" asked Bob.

"Sure I do," laughed Alex. "At our house our whole family has a time for Bible stories and songs every day. Just after supper Father opens the Bible and reads to us. The Story about Jesus and the children is my favorite. Sometimes we talk about the story for a while. I ask him about the parts I don't understand. Then we pray together, and sing songs and hymns we like. Sometimes we learn some new ones too. Here's one I like:—

'Touch hands around the rolling world,
Call clear, from sea to sea,
That brothers, sisters are we all in God's great family!'

"Oh, I like that one!" said Billy. "We sing one about friends around the world too. The second verse of it says nearly the same thing"—

'This world, our home, is big,
But not too big to be
A place where friendliness, dear God,
Makes us one family.'

"You know," said Ann, "I keep smelling food!"

"I think you do," said Peter, sniffing the air. "It smells good."

"Which makes me wonder," said Tim. "Alex, what would you have for supper tonight if you were in British Guiana?"

"Just what you're going to have," laughed Alex, with a twinkle in his eye. "It's a surprise! It's all right for you all to stay, too, because I know Aunt Mary and Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Thompson phoned your mothers. They all said you could have supper here. Mother and Aunt Mary have been making it.

First we will have curried rice, with meat and vegetables in it. Then for dessert we will have bananas and some special cookies."

"Mumm! That sounds good, Alex," said Marjie. "Thank you for telling us more about British Guiana. We hope you will come back to Canada and see us again soon."

(LEADERS: The game, "Sick Cat" is on page 119 in "CHILDREN'S GAMES FROM MANY LANDS". The song, "God's Children Live in Many Lands" is on page 9 in "HERE'S HOW AND WHEN" and "Round the World" is on page 44 in "THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING." Your children would enjoy making a scene to show homes in British Guiana. Several ideas for stand-up scenes are on pages 25-42 in "HERE'S HOW AND WHEN". Perhaps you could plan to have a meal from British Guiana, too.)

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THE FACE OF A CHILD!

A little pool that ruffles to the winds;
An open door, where each one entry finds;
That every year Life shuts a little more;
A stringed harp, to answer song or hymn,
So is a child's face, responsive to every whim.

(Author Unknown)

JOHN KNOX WROTE THIS on July 7th — 1556!

"Not so much to instruct you, as to leave with you (dearly beloved Brethren) some testimony of my love. I have thought good to communicate with you, in these few lines, my weak counsel, how I would ye should behave yourselves in the midst of this wicked generation, touching the exercise of God's most sacred and holy Word, without which, neither shall knowledge increase, godliness appear, nor fervency continue among you. For as the Word of God is the beginning of life spiritual, without which all flesh is dead in God's presence; and the lantern to our feet, without the brightness whereof all the posterity of Adam doth walk in darkness; and as it is the foundation of faith, without which no man understandeth the good will of God, so it is also the only organ and instrument which God useth to strengthen the weak, to comfort the afflicted, to reduce to mercy by repentence such as have slidden, and, finally, to preserve and keep the very life of the soul in all assaults and temptations.

"Let no day slip or want some comfort received from the mouth of God. Open your ears and He will speak even pleasant things to your heart. Close not your eyes, but diligently let them behold what portion of substance is left to you within your Father's testament. Let your tongues learn to praise the gracious goodness of Him, whose mercy hath called you from darkness to light, and from death to life. Neither yet may ye do this so quietly that ye will admit no witness. No, Brethren, ye are ordained of God to rule your own houses in his true fear, and according to his Word. Within your houses, . . . ye are bishops and kings: your wife, children, servants, and family are your bishopric and charge; of you it shall be required how carefully and diligently ye have always instructed them in God's true knowledge, how that ye have studied in them to plant virtue and repress vice. And therefore, I say, ye must make them partakers in reading, exhorting, and in making common prayers, which I would in every house were used once a day at least. But above all things, dear Brethren, study to practice in life that which the Word of God commandeth, and then be ye assured that ye shall never hear nor read the same without fruit."

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Elizabeth Rae Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S., Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held their Installation of Officers, and Christmas Service, in Grace Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. Susan Craig, Secretary of the Evening Auxiliaries, officiated. Miss Grace Hillocks gave the Christmas message, pointing out that Peace is the essence of Christmas, and that Christ came to bring His Peace to every man. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the executive.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wainwright,* held an Affiliation Service in the Church one Sunday evening, when St. Andrews' Women's Fellowship affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Those taking part with the Rev. Homer McAvoy, who preached the sermon, were Miss Enid Abernathy, President of the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. C. Templeton and Miss Annetta Hooper. Mrs. G. O. Milson, First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* President of the Edmonton Presbyterial of the W.M.S., led the group in the Act of Affiliation. The choir led the service of praise. There were visitors from Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Chauvin,* and from the various Presbyterian Churches in *Edmonton.* Greetings were brought by the Minister; Miss Enid Abernathy, President of the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. G. O. Milson, of the Edmonton Presbyterial, and Mrs. G. M. Dickson, President of the Westminster Fellowship at *Chauvin.*

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — While in this Presbyterial, Miss Hazel Macdonald met for supper with the C.G.I.T. groups of Riverside and St. John's Presbyterian Churches, and met with the Kirk Session of St. John's Church, also attending a joint meeting of the Explorers of Riverside and St. John's Churches. The W.M.S. Afternoon Study Group and the Home Helpers of St. John's Church, gave a Coffee Party in honour of Miss Macdonald, who was also interviewed on the T.V. Programme "From the Choir Loft".

Following a Supper Meeting on Friday evening in St. John's Church, for members of Riverside and St. John's Churches, and their friends, Miss Macdonald addressed them on her work, illustrating her address with slides. She spoke on the need for Missionaries, and the danger of Communism. In telling her listeners that next year Formosa will celebrate the 100th year of the coming of the Christian Gospel, she pointed out that a recent survey indicated that about three percent of the Island's population are Christian, but she stated that she was of the opinion a conservative estimate would be about one percent.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., of *Formosa,* spoke in the Peace River Presbyterial to the following groups: *Grande Prairie, Brownville* with the *Last Lake* ladies attending; *Dixonville; Wanham* with *Blueberry Mountain* ladies attending; *Ft. St. John,* B.C.; *Dawson Creek* with the *Chetwynd* ladies attending. Miss Macdonald noted many changes in the Peace River area compared to thirty years ago when she was stationed at *Pouce Coupe,* B.C.

In Queen Memorial Church, *Brownvale,* Mrs. E. Thompson, representing the Peace River Presbyterial Girl's work Secretary, Mrs. J. Elder of *Grande Prairie,* presented 16 members of the *Brownvale* Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Group with their membership cards, and the six new members with their Affiliation Badge to the W.M.S. Miss Wanda Eastman read the Scripture, and Mrs. H. W. Grove, the leader, conducted the Affiliation Service. When Miss Myrna Eastman, and Miss Sharon Bettenson, two senior girls of the group recently joined the Church by Profession of Faith, a Bible was presented to each by their leader.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — In this Presbyterial, Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., missionary on furlough from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker in St. Andrew's Church, *Swift Current;* St. Paul's, *Moose Jaw;* Knox, *Briercrest;* Knox, *Weyburn;* St. Andrew's, *Assiniboia.* Her addresses, and slides were both interesting and inspiring, and she brought the grateful thanks of the women of *Taiwan* to the women of *Canada* for what had been done for them.

At the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and Friendship Circle of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* the Thanksgiving Service of Worship from the October "Glad Tidings" was used, after which Miss Becky McAlpine gave a fine report of the C.G.I.T. Camp Council, held in *Christopher Lake.* Mrs. G. Stephenson, who attended as Leader-Consultant, illustrated with slides her Report on the National C.G.I.T. Leaders Conference, at Bishop's University, *Lennoxville, Quebec,* and Mrs. K. Woolman, Friendship Circle Delegate to the W.M.S. Training Centre at Albert College, *Edmonton,* outlined the activities of the 38 Delegates, and 12 W.M.S. Staff members, who attended from *Canada* and *Overseas.*

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — A Rally of the Presbyterian women of *Sylvania* and *Tisdale,* was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* to increase knowledge and interest in W.M.S. work. Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. Johnston, presided, and the Rev. S. J. Sharkey led in Worship. A Panel Discussion, led by Mrs. Sharkey, and with Mrs. C. Hanneson, Mrs. H. Jensen, Mrs. E. Beattie, and Mrs. L. Cresswell, taking part, gave an excellent picture of how W.M.S. work is carried on through Auxiliary, Presbyterial, Synodical, and Council levels, stressing that, although each has its own governing body, all are one in purpose and administration. Miss M. Boyd, Regional Secretary, conducted a Quizz on the Panel Presentation, and an interesting discussion followed. The Anniversary Projects were discussed, and highlighted by slides of Fellowship House, for which Project the Rally offering was given. Mrs. F. Glazier introduced the Mission Study by showing slides of "A Trip to British Guiana". Miss Darlene Sauers was Soloist. A hot Buffet Luncheon was served at the close of the Rally.

Mrs. S. Sharkey, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, and Presbytery Girls' Advisor, assisted by Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, was in charge of the Teen-Age Girls' Rally held in *Melfort,* recently. The Programme dealt with Bible Study, Mission Study, Anniversary Projects, and was interspersed with games and sing-songs. The *Tisdale* girls showed the proper way to conduct a business meeting, and, to point a contrast, the Leaders conducted a business meeting as it *should not* be conducted. Lunch was served at noon.

The Thank-Offering Meeting of the St. Andrew's and the Elena Mackay Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* had Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., of *Formosa,* as their Guest Speaker, and heard an informative address on the W.M.S. work there, illustrated with colored slides. Mrs. H. Jensen, President of the Elena Mackay Auxiliary of the W.M.S., presided, and C.G.I.T., Explorer, and C.O.C. Groups joined in this Meeting. At the Social Hour Miss Macdonald answered questions and showed costumes from *Formosa.*

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — When the Edna Bell W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting, representatives were present from St. Stephen's, Walter Martin, Northside, and Calvin Presbyterian Churches, and a highlight of the Meeting was the Affiliation of St. Stephen's Women's association with the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Taking part in the Affiliation Service were Mrs. W. C. Smith, President of *Regina* Presbyterial, Mrs. W. L. Stilborn, and Mrs. J. B. Millar. The Guest Speaker was Miss Hazel Macdonald, on furlough from *Formosa,* who gave an illustrated Address on W.M.S. Work in *Formosa.* Mrs. Grace Henderson presided, and Mrs. N. D. Kennedy, Church Organist and Choir Leader, was in charge of the music.

Moose Jaw and *Regina* Presbyterials have held their second Leadership Training Conference, in which Miss Margaret Boyd participated, and feel these joint Conferences to be most beneficial.

Mrs. M. Muth was in charge, and the film strip "Adventuring With Explorers", was shown, at the Leadership Training Meeting recently held in Goforth Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* for midweek Group Leaders within the Presbytery.

In *Saskatoon* Presbyterial, Miss Hazel Macdonald, on furlough from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the W.M.S. Auxiliary Thank-Offering Service on Sunday evening in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* when the Service was conducted by members of the Mary and Martha W.M.S. Auxiliary. Miss Macdonald also spoke at the morning service in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* and, during the week, at Meetings in *North Battleford, Biggar,* and *Rosetown,* as well as at an interdenominational gathering of C.G.I.T. Leaders — "The *Saskatoon* C.G.I.T. Leaders Fellowship".

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage La Prairie,* the Rev. H. L. Henderson was Guest Speaker. Devotions were given by Mrs. Fairburn, Mrs. P. Andrews, and Mrs. H. Bowlee. Mrs. W. H. Vopni presided, and refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Hamilton and her Committee.

When the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Chuch *Carberry,* conducted the Evening Service, Lois Graham was organist, with group-members forming the Choir, and Janice Lochhart conducted the Service. Mrs. R. J. Hood conducted the Initiation Service, and all the girls received C.G.I.T. pins and Purpose Cards. The Rev. T. J. Haire, was Guest Speaker on the theme "Dedication".

President, Mrs. Stewart Cramer, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* and welcomed visitors from *Wellwood* and *Brandon.* Mrs. T. J. Haire led the Devotional Period, and Mrs. A. Kellie, of *Brandon* was Guest Speaker. She gave an interesting résumé of the Leadership Training Conference in *Edmonton.* Miss Doreen Worden, Presbytery Deaconess brought greetings.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — This year, for the first time, Superior Presbyterial went beyond the *Lakehead Cities* for its Annual Fall Rally, when 27 members took the early morning three-hour bus trip to *Atikokan* to hold the Rally there. A delicious Pot Luck Luncheon welcomed them to *Atikokan* Presbyterian Church, and the Afternoon Session began with a Worship Service, conducted by Mr. W. Fairley. President, Mrs. M. Fidler, spoke on "The Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S.; each Officer was introduced, and spoke on her own Department. Following the tea break, Groups formed for a discussion of the Mission Study for 1961-62. These were led by Mrs. I. Mitchell — British Guiana; Mrs. M. Spidell — Port Work and Immigration; Mrs. W. A. Hunter — The Church Downtown. The Rally Theme was — "I Have Chosen You". Dinner, catered by the Anglican women of *Atikokan,* was enjoyed in the Anglican Church, where Mrs. McTaggart, of *Atikokan* welcomed the visitors, and interestingly reviewed the development of the *Atikokan* Presbyterian Church. The Evening Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. M. Johnston, after which Mrs. Loney, Synodical President, and Convener of the Presbyterial Anniversary Committee, told of the plans for 1964, and the Anniversary Celebrations to be held in *Montreal, Quebec.*

Mrs. H. Johnston told of her experience as a Leader at C.G.I.T. Camp, *Loon Lake;* Mrs. A. R. McLeod spoke of the good work of the Presbytery Children's Camp, at *Sandstone Lake,* where she was a Leader; Mrs. H. MacKinnon-Caird gave a vivid account of the activities at the National Leaders Conference, at *Lennoxville, Quebec,* at which she was a Delegate. She stressed the need for mature, experienced women to assume leadership in our Youth Groups. After a day of happy fellowship together, the visitors, at nine o'clock, boarded the bus for home, all agreeing — "this must be done again!"

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Kenora, Ontario,* were guests, with the Indian Ladies Group, of *Mackenzie Portage,* at the home of the Rev. John and Mrs. Carson, on the Reserve. President, Mrs. J. Hendry, conducted the Thanksgiving Service; others taking part were Miss Helen Ross, Mrs. W. C. Allan; Mrs. W. Longe, Mrs. J. D. Marnock, and Mrs. S. T. Robinson. To honour the memory of the late Mrs. J. L. McLeod, a devoted member of many years, the Kenora W.M.S. Group will be called the Mabel McLeod Auxiliary of the W.M.S. The ladies of the *Mackenzie Portage* Group were hostesses at the Social Hour.

A Work Shop for C.O.C. and Explorer Groups in this Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary for *Manitoba,* and Miss E. Miller, Presbyterian Children's Secretary. The film "Guiana Tempo" was shown, and the new Study Books were introduced.

The Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* has suffered a sad loss in the sudden death of Miss Rose Eileen McCord, an active member of this Auxiliary since its organization in 1929, and Secretary-Treasurer for many years. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND — Miss Irene Stringer, on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of Beatrice Scott W.M.S. Auxiliary of Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Port Elgin,* when guests were present from *Burgoyne, Dunblane, Paisley, Allenford,* and *Tiverton.* President Mrs. Margaret Gorrell, introduced the Speaker, who illustrated her Address with slides, and Mrs. B. Thorburn and Mrs. Mary Dunlop sang a duet.

Mrs. F. Cromey, *Kincardine,* told of many years of missionary service in *India,* with her husband, the Rev. F. Cromey, when she was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton.* She was presented with a corsage. The Thanksgiving Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings" was used, and Mrs. Wm. Henderson, Mrs. Lloyd McGregor, and Mrs. Keith Waldie, sang a trio. Members of the C.O.C. also sang twice.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The Valetta Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Mary McKenzie Evening W.M.S. Group, celebrated a memorable day, when the Afternoon Auxiliary marked its 75th Anniversary, and the Evening Group attained a 25th Anniversary. Over 100 guests were present and Presidents, Mrs. Donald Fletcher and Mrs. Harold Ivison, presided. Presbyterial President, Mrs. O. J. Powell, of *Ridgetown,* brought Greetings. Mrs. David Burgess gave an Historical Sketch of the two Groups, and Miss Maud Grant was honoured as the member with the greatest number of years of W.M.S. service.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* a beautiful edition of the Bible was presented to the Auxiliary by Mr. William Boiland and family in loving memory of his late wife, Mrs. Annie Boiland, a faithful Home Helper of many years service. Mrs. John Moffat received, and dedicated the Bible.

Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, was Guest Speaker at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of New Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* President, Mrs. Wm. Johnston presided, and, assisted by Mrs. T. G. Marshall and Mrs. Archie Laidman, welcomed the many guests. Greetings were brought from the neighbouring United, Baptist, and Anglican Churches. Explorer, Leslie Ferguson read the Scripture, and members of Rosalind Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary sang. At the Reception, Miss Connie Greenwood, representing C.O.C., assisted Mrs. Fred Davidson in cutting the Birthday Cake.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — *West Lorne* W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a capacity crowd and President, Mrs. John Quigley, presiding. Greetings were received from Mrs. E. Allan, *St. Thomas,* President of London Presbyterial, and the Rev. E. R. MacDonald, Moderator; Synodical President, Mrs. Donald MacInnes, sent regrets. Mrs. E. A. Allan introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., of *Indore, India,* who gave a graphic picture of work on the Bhil Mission Field. Musical selections were given by Mrs. Winn Rodney, Mrs. McFarlane, and Mrs. Lamb, of *Wallacetown.* Miss Jennie Leverington, member of longest standing, cut the Birthday Cake, and the Register of Guests was in charge of Past President, Mrs. C. D. Archer, the oldest member, assisted by Mrs. George Bianchflower, Secretary for many years.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, *Wingham,* Mrs. John Pollock presided, and W.M.S. members from *Whitechurch, Teeswater,* and the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary, were guests. Miss Lily Macarthur, of *Goderich,* was Guest Speaker, and spoke of the close relationships between offerings, sacrifices, and thanksgiving, as shown from Bible quotations.

Sectional Meetings of this Presbyterial were held at *Dungannon,* with President Mrs. Sutherland presiding and Mrs. McAllister welcoming guests; and at *Cranbrook,* where President, Mrs. Mundell presided and Mrs. Fisher welcomed guests. Miss Woodruff, Deaconess at *Goderich* was Guest Speaker at *Dungannon,* and Mrs. Speir, of *Brussels,* gave highlights of the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training School.

At *Cranbrook,* Mrs. F. Cromey, *Kincardine,* introduced by Mrs. Morrison, was Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid account of Mission Work in *India.* Mrs. Spier reported the programme of the W.M.S. Training School at *Belleville,* and Mrs. Frank Thompson was Soloist.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Ingersoll,* the Rev.

J. Douglas Gordon was Guest Speaker, and an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. W. L. Nagle.

Mrs. J. S. Esler was Guest of Honour at the Special Meeting of Alexandra W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Brantford* Presbyterian Church, held at the summer home of Mrs. G. A. Brunsden. Mrs. J. B. McTaggart voiced the regret of all members that the Rev. and Mrs. Esler were now leaving this congregation, and, on behalf of the Auxiliary members, presented to Mrs. Esler a string of pearls, as a token of appreciation for the outstanding contribution made by her to the W.M.S. during her twenty years of service, during which she was for five years President of this W.M.S. Auxiliary.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The 25th Anniversary celebration of the Grace Hay W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Petrolia,* was celebrated with Miss Ila McIntyre, President, welcoming guests. Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. B. Ross, was Guest Speaker, and First Vice-President, Mrs. A. G. Neal, brought Presbyterial Greetings. A Candle-Lighting Service was held, remembering the founders; present, future, and distant members; as well as members "gone before". Mrs. A. Tomlinson, first President of the Group, cut the Birthday Cake.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* with President, Mrs. G. Garrock presiding, held their Thank-Offering Meeting, with W.M.S. Groups from neighbouring Churches, as well as the Nora Seaton, and Greta Adams Young Women's Groups, in attendance. Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. B. Ross, spoke on "What Is My Service", and musical selections were contributed by Mrs. G. Hardwick, Mrs. R. Burnham, and Mrs. D. McKellar, with Mrs. C. Forrest, Accompanist.

A 75th Anniversary was celebrated by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Strathroy,* when Mrs. Blakely was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. S. Cahill was Soloist. President, Miss Anne Collins, presided, and Mrs. Crawford unveiled the Life Membership Plaques. Mrs. Clifford Wardell gave the Auxiliary History, and seven Junior W.M.S. members contributed a musical number. Greetings were brought from 12 W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Four Past Presidents — Mrs. J. C. Creighton, Mrs. T. E. Bogue, Mrs. Elmer Cast, and Mrs. D. H. Patterson — lighted the candles on the Birthday Cake, cut by the oldest member, Mrs. J. C. Creighton.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Leader's Conference of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Listowel.* Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, was in charge, and Miss Verna Coghlin, Deaconess-in-training, outlined the new Mission Study for C.G.I.T. Groups.

Two Sectional Meetings of this Presbyterial were held — in *Monkton* Presbyterian Church with Vice-President, Mrs. H. G. Nickel, of *Listowel,* presiding; in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* with Presbyterial President, Mrs. Wilfred Carr, in the Chair. A Panel Presentation of the W.M.S. Training School at *Belleville* was given by Mrs. Robert Smith of *Monkton,* and Mrs. Gordon Alexander, of *Listowel,* both delegates to *Belleville.* Mrs. Ross Love, of *Atwood* was Moderator of the Panel. Miss Mary Hamilton and Mrs. R. Denstedt, of *Milverton,* sang a duet. Guest Speaker at *Monkton* was the Rev. J. Murray, of Burns Presbyterian Church, *Milverton,* and *North Mornington,* and the Rev. J. Hardwick, of *Monkton,* also addressed the Meeting. At *Stratford,* Mrs. F. H. Ayton, of *Exeter,* was Soloist, and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., on furlough from *India,* was Guest Speaker, illustrating her Address on the work among the Bhils, with interesting slides.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — The Mavis Reoch, and McKay, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, St. Paul's Church, *Sault Ste. Marie,* entertained all pre-school children, their mothers, and grandmothers, at the Annual Cradle Roll Tea. The children received favours. The President of Mavis Reoch Auxiliary, Miss Dora Hunter, was honoured by the members with a Life Membership Certificate, Mrs. R. Wilde making the presentation. The membership pin was given by her sister, Mrs. Milroy Scott. Mrs. Hugh Campbell, President of *Algoma* Presbyterial, gave the Highlights of the Council Meeting held in *Stratford.*

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — MacBean Evening Auxiliary, St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* celebrated the Sixtieth Anniversary with Mrs. W. L. Thomson welcoming those present. Mrs. W. Vollom traced the History of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Jean Sloane was soloist. Greetings were brought by Miss M. Irving, Rev. Hugh Macdonald, Past Moderator of East Presbytery, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President Council Executive, and Miss E. L. McLelland, Evening Department Secretary. Devotions were led by Mrs. A. Shearer, and Miss M. Cameron. Rev. Wm. C. McBride, former Minister of St. John's, now in Knox Church, *Sudbury,* showed slides and spoke about his work as Synodical Missionary in *British Columbia.*

A happy time was enjoyed by friends and relatives of Mrs. Wm. McNeil when her *One Hundred and First Birthday* was celebrated recently. She is a Charter Member of Wallace Auxiliary, *Cooke's Church.* It was a great joy to hear her welcoming her guests, and thanking those who came to make her Birthday Celebration a happy occasion.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. J. Neilson, 93 years old, of Melville Church, *West Hill.* She joined the Church when she was 18 years. For several years she was treasurer of the W.M.S. and Church Organist. Both Mrs. Neilson and her husband came from pioneer families in Scarborough.

The Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* has lost a beloved Past President, and active member, in the sudden death, at Thanksgiving, of Mrs. J. M. Laird, wife of the Assistant Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Mrs. Laird, always a steadfast W.M.S. worker, received her Life Membership from the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *St. Thomas,* where, with her husband, then Minister of Knox Church, *St. Thomas,* she spent 18 years. In *Toronto,* she has served her W.M.S. Auxiliary both as Vice-President and President, and was also Welcome and Welfare Secretary of *East Toronto* Presbyterial. Mrs. Laird will be greatly missed by the congregation of Knox Church, *Toronto,* by her W.M.S. Auxiliary, and all those who knew her, but most of all, by her husband and family, to whom the sincere sympathy of the Society is extended.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — At the 75th Anniversary celebration of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, *Madoc,* representatives from the neighbouring W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Belleville, Trenton, Foxboro, West Huntingdon, Stirling* and *Tweed* joined local women, and Greetings were brought from *Kingston* Presbyterial, by Mrs. V. Weir, of *Belleville*; the Presbytery, by the Rev. R. D. MacLean, B.A., B.D., *Belleville*; the Synod, by Rev. John R. Waldie, M.A., B.D., *Port Hope*; Council Executive, by Mrs. Harold Keefer, of *Trenton*; the Synodical, by Mrs. W. H. V. Walker, of *Belleville*; the Session of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. R. A. Sinclair, of *Madoc.* President, Mrs. John Bailey presided; Mrs. O. Reid gave the Bible Reading, and the Rev. D. G. Kemble, B.A., of *Picton* gave the Prayer. Mrs. D. Blakely read the Auxiliary History, and the Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. T. Allen. Flowers in memory of the late Mrs. John Armstrong, and the late Mrs. Blue were placed on the altar by their families. Soloists were Mrs. R. De Mille and Mrs. G. Wood, of *Ivanhoe.* Mrs. Sinclair received the guests, and congratulations were brought by Mrs. Empey of Trinity United Church, and Mrs. Glen Nickle of St. John's Anglican Church. At the Reception following, Miss Mary MacIntosh, *Belleville,* Auxiliary Secretary for many years, cut the Birthday cake. Candles were lighted to represent The Past; The Present; The Future; by Mrs. T. Allan, Mrs. J. Bailey, and Mrs. C. Woods.

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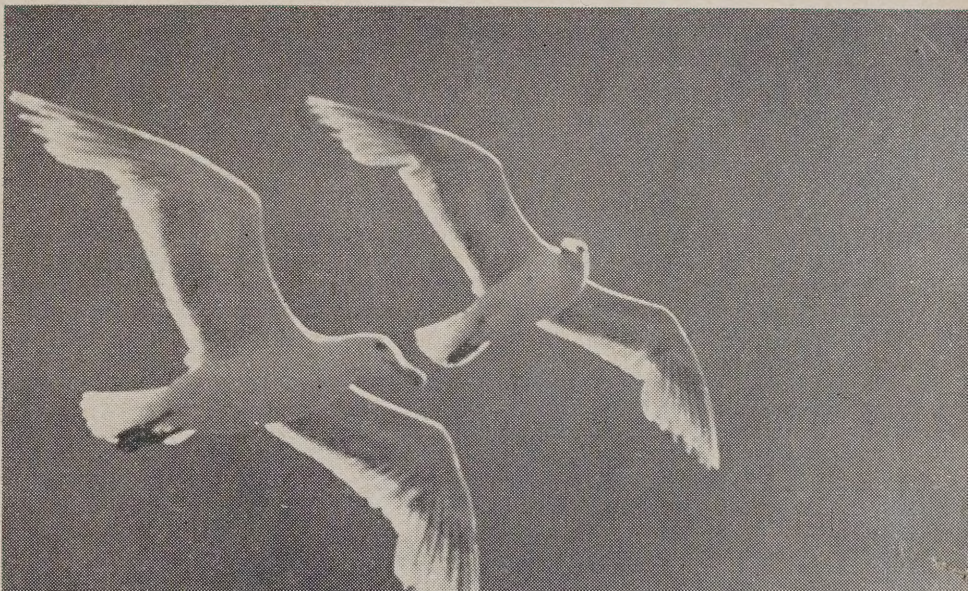

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What could be more lovely than swift gulls soaring high,
White wings etched in beauty against an azure sky?
And is there sweeter message than the March winds bring
That, as God gave the Seasons, He will always grant us Spring?
(L. M. C.)

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"THE GOOD BOOK"

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A Senior Editor of The Reader's Digest

NOT WITHOUT REASON DO we refer to the Bible as the Good Book. I want simply to count some of the blessings it has bestowed—and that a wider reading of it *could* bestow—upon our language and speech. Of course, when I speak from this point of view, I speak of the Bible best known and loved in the English tradition:—the King James Version.

It was, as we know, the work of fifty-four men, not all of them saints, by any means. In a day when remarks are made about conferences, and when a committee has been described as "a group of the unfit chosen from the unwilling to do the unnecessary," it is interesting to recall that both the King James Version of the Bible, and the Constitution of the United States of America, came out of conferences. They represented group effort. And it was fifty-four scholars (of whom forty-seven have been identified) who were chosen, after an historic meeting with James I at Hampton Court Palace, Monday, January 16, 1604, to begin the version of the Bible later to bear his royal name.

What can account for a version of such staying power and unending appeal to all sorts and conditions of men? It must have arisen in part from being the work not of one man but of many. They were dealing with sacred truth, and meanings that often elude words. Only out of strongly contended convictions was the Book made whole.

The labour consumed three years. And when it was done, finally editing the result took nine wearisome months. As a writer, I have witnessed the wonders worked on my copy by the skilled use of the scalpel; as an editor, I have watched the best of my associates give a piece of copy the final, fastidious touch that makes the difference between *almost* good and good. Editing must also be counted one of the factors that made this Bible a thing of beauty forever, to those who love its language.

Now, it is the use of this Bible, as a means to aid us in loving the language, that I want to stress. What we need, amid the rat-a-tat-tat haste and carelessness of speech, is to be reminded of the majesty and music of the language we have inherited. What can this Book teach us about daily speech?

It can teach us to draw and paint with words, to think and talk in pictures, such as:—"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand hold me" (Psalm 139:9-10); or: "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and as a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isaiah 32:2). Thus the Bible etches pictures of truth on the mind.

Winston Churchill, it is said, has never been ashamed of being found reading the Bible. On the contrary, this great statesman has been known to read aloud to a person interrupting him thus occupied; sharing his enthusiasm for some great passage having the sound of music. Indeed, the Bible breathes with rhythm and melody.

Let us think of the Bible next as a handbook of composition and rhetoric. Take its verbs; they stand out! Every writer worth his salt knows that verbs make or break a piece of prose. Strong sentences pivot on a verb, and for a lesson in verbs there is no better place to go than to the Bible:—"Daniel *purposed* in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat . . ." (Daniel 1:8). (So strong is the verb that you can almost see Daniel's face as he decides.) Then again: "The heavens *declare* the glory of God; and the firmament *showeth* his handiwork; day unto day *uttereth* speech, and night unto night *showeth* knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2). And what you feel, as you read the First Psalm, is the power of the verbs: "Blessed is the man that *walketh* not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor *standeth* in the way of sinners, nor *sitteth* in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1). What the righteous man does *not* do leaps out at you in the verbs.

One reason, surely, that the Bible speaks so ably through its verbs is that the translators showed such concern in searching for them. It is said that Flaubert would spend hours in search of the exact word. This love of precision must have moved the men who made the King James Version. It is as if they had commenced their work with, and kept in mind constantly, the eleventh verse of the Twenty-Fifth Chapter of Proverbs:—"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Time and time again you can see how those long years of translating and editing were spent. They were spent in quest of the right word. We must remember Mark Twain's dictum that the difference between the right word, and *almost* the right word, is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug. The piercing quality of the right word seems to me beautifully illustrated by combining two verses in the Fourth Chapter of First John:—"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us . . .

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment" (I John 4:10, 17). Where could one find a better word than boldness to describe a man reassured and strengthened, for all his failures and unworthiness, by the love of God?

I refer now, as a Digest editor, with respect to, and respect for, another use the Bible can serve: it can teach us conciseness. I must allow, of course, that the men who made this great translation did not make the Bible, but brought out through words, well chosen, the depth of its meaning. I know of no passage where so much truth is crammed into small space as in two verses that adorn the Thirtieth Chapter of Isaiah: "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, will ride upon the swift: therefore shall they that pursue you be swift" (Isaiah 30:15-16).

These words were composed around 700 B. C., by a Prophet who gave us a great bulk of the history of his race up to then. Change horses to missiles and you've got headlines of today! You can read this passage in thirty seconds, and you can think about it for thirty years. Here is the God-idea, here is the man-idea—side by side in less than a hundred words, with the imagery and cadence of the Good Book thrown in for good measure.

The Bible is the Book you often find at hand—in home and in hotel rooms. Its presence in our memories and experience, and its physical presence near us daily, marks it as the most ready remedy for our ailing speech, and a never-failing help for our troubled souls.

I hope that the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the printed Bible will be more than formal. I hope it can lead to a new reading of it; a reading with new eyes and ears, leading us to see it as the best and most natural link with the past that is part of us.

If I were asked to direct a campaign in this celebration, I should try not only to get it read, but also to get it read aloud more. I should get the recording of Charles Laughton reading the Bible into every Sunday school, and into the hands of every Sunday-school teacher. Let children learn what the Bible really sounds like, when every syllable is plainly spoken. Whatever the method, let us read the Bible aloud, privately and publicly. We think with words, nor was there a time when we needed more to think clearly. The use of language, with precision, may turn out to be vital to our survival in a complex world.

Language, being a living thing, is bound to change. But, in the case of the English language, the heart of it remains in much of our literature, and in the Bible familiar to our people. The English language forms the main link that joins us with our past, and helps enlarge for us the continuity of human experience.

The Good Book, then, is a priceless part of our heritage. This heritage is ours to cherish, and it behooves, therefore, every one of us to heed the Bible—the Word of God in the words of men.

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Our Father, Which art in Heaven, invisible, invincible and immortal, Thou holy and eternal God, Whom, not having seen, we love, and worship in true humility, we thank Thee for the ineffable tenderness of Thy mercy and forgiveness toward all who call upon Thy name in prayer and faith, and bow before Thy Presence in simple trust and belief. Open our eyes, we beseech Thee, to a deeper realization, and appreciation of all the precious gifts of life and living, which Thou hast so bountifully bestowed upon us, unworthy as we are, and teach us to become more worthy of Thy wondrous love and continuing forebearance toward our many faults and failures.

Forgive us where we have been indifferent; where we have scorned or doubted; where we have failed to comfort, or to understand another's need; where we have thought more of self and less of Thee. Grant to us the vision of Thy redeeming grace for all mankind, and inspire our hearts with the faith that can move mountains, so that, by our prayers and givings, we may speed Thy message of salvation and love unto the farthermost corners of this world, which Thou hast made so beautiful for our earthly dwelling place. For all in sorrow, or in want, wherever they may be, we implore Thy comfort and Thy help. To each anxious, seeking soul, grant the tenderness of Thy forgiveness and enveloping care; to each needy heart, the benediction of communion with Thee in prayer, and the blessing of Thy peace.

Very specially, we bring before Thee in our petitions, our own Church and its leaders; our Ministers and Missionaries, and all the workers in Thy task, in whatever part of this great world they may be called upon to labour. Merciful Father, be Thou ever near to them, in sickness and in health, and bestow upon them the power of Thy love that they may speak for Thee always, in their own lives and in their teachings. Inspire each one with selfless zeal, and the realization of great opportunity and great responsibility.

Teach us, dear Lord, to uphold each other, within our own Society, our own Church, and our own Community, in united prayer and fellowship, and to remember always in our supplications, the homeless, the hungry, the grief-stricken, the lost and lonely ones who know Thee not. Give unto them, and all who come to Thee in trouble or despair, the healing of Thy love and care; the comforting knowledge of Thy gracious presence with them; and the solace of Thy certain understanding of their every frailty and need. We ask it all in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

(L.M.C.)

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Changes in Educational Work in India

by MISS IRENE STRINGER, Bhil Field, India

SINCE 1926 there have been many changes in Education work in India. Standards of education have steadily increased, and our schools have kept pace with the changes. One advance is the increasing number of government schools; schools for both boys and girls. When the Helen MacDonald Memorial Girls' School was opened, there was only one other Primary school for girls in Jhansi city. Now there are several, from Primary to Higher Secondary level. This does not mean that there is no more need for our schools there. In none of the government schools is there living accommodation for rural students; they serve the city only, so that the Helen MacDonald Memorial School is still meeting a great need, still serving the whole area.

At that time, many of the teachers in the Primary schools had one year's training at the end of a Departmental Examination after Grade Four. The next training was after a Sixth Grade Departmental Examination, called the Lower Middle examination. For Higher Grades the training was in English, after Grade Ten or Matriculation. Now the Fourth and Sixth Grade Examinations are no more, and the first Teacher's training is after Eighth Class Pass. Before long this, too, will be discontinued, and the minimum qualification for Teachers' training will be matriculation. Then the majority of our pupils finished school after Fourth or Sixth Grade. Now the majority go on to High School, and many of them on to College for Degree work and training.

The same advance is true in Nursing Education. For a full Nursing Certificate the qualification was Sixth Grade Pass, and for Nurse Aide training, Fourth Grade Pass. Now, for the full course, the minimum qualification is Matriculation in most hospitals, and Eighth Grade for the Nurse Aide course. Both boys and girls are admitted to the course. For the Fourth year, the girls can take midwifery, and the boys pharmacy.

There have been changes in the school curriculums too. There is more stress on language study. Elementary science is added from Sixth Grade up, and is a must for all who continue to High School grades. For Hindi students the root language of Sanskrit is compulsory from Sixth Grade, and Persian is necessary for Urdu language students.

There is a new outlook, and a new interest in education for the masses, and the forward look is to Compulsory Education for all India. The many new Primary schools that have been, and are being, opened everywhere is a start. Some of the schools are very simple, but it is a beginning in many backward areas, where there has never been a school of any kind before. The goal is full Compulsory Education by 1966.

All of these advances have of course meant higher costs. Higher-qualified teachers meant higher salaries, and so our salary estimate increased, and will continue to increase. It also meant changes in our school maintenance. At first all pupils, both in the Jhansi field and in the Bhil field, were admitted free to our schools. Everything, including clothing, was given to each student. Charges have been increased gradually but steadily, and now parents supply all clothing and bedding; buy the books and stationery; give monthly pocket money; pay fares to and from schools and pay a stated monthly boarding fee. When we first began charging fees, we were told that our schools would have to close; that none would pay for their children's education, and all children would be withdrawn from our schools. On the contrary attendance has steadily increased.

Through the years, the national staff has assumed more and more responsibility for the work. In the beginning all decisions, all plans were made by the Principal. Now, planning for all educational work is done in a monthly staff meeting. Any change the Principal may wish to make must be brought before this meeting, and the decision made is not always according to her idea. Any matter for Mission Council, regarding advance, new teachers, pupils scholarships, must first be passed by the Staff Council, and their recommendations are then put before the Mission Council.

When Dr. Wilkie and Miss Bertha Robson built and planned the school buildings and residences, they were told they were much too large, that there would never be pupils to fill them. Now these buildings are much too small. In Jhansi, the first building of the Helen MacDonald Memorial School was classrooms, girls' residence, teachers' residence, all in one. As attendance increased, and the school grew from a Lower Primary to a Middle School, the whole building was needed for classrooms, so first a teachers' residence, and then a girls' residence were erected. Now all the Primary classes are attending a day school under the Church, and the present buildings, with the further extension of a larger teachers' residence, a chapel, and new classrooms, are still inadequate.

This is true in the Bhil field too. There classes have been added, the Amkhut School has been increased from Sixth Grade to Eighth Grade, and a nursery school started. Most of the six village schools now go to Third Grade. Additions have been made here also. More classrooms were built in Amkhut by Miss Douglas, and a new residence for boys erected. For the village schools, a teachers' residence and classroom was built in Punyawat;

new classrooms, and three new residences for teachers in Jobat — but the need for more building is a priority. The addition of the wing, formerly used as a women's residence, to be used as a girls' residence, will meet the need here, but the boys' residence is very overcrowded. The four new classrooms added this year are still not enough, and a library and a laboratory are a must in the near future. Housing for the staff is also a must. To increase our staff qualifications as required, we must get teachers from outside Amkhut. This necessitates houses for both male and female teachers. In Saidi, a new school and teachers' residence is a must, as the old bungalow where classes were held is unsafe, and must come down. If our schools are to keep up with rising standards, we must meet these minimum needs.

Looking backward, we see many advantages to the community and district because of our schools. Many of the leaders in the area are graduates. Almost all the teachers on our staff are themselves graduates, many of them choosing to serve in their own school, at much less pay than they could get in government schools. As one of them expressed it, "Money isn't everything." They serve, too, in government schools and colleges all over the country. Immanuel Peter, a Jobat boy, and an Amkhut graduate, is zoology teacher in the Allahabad University in United Provinces. Most of our nurses are themselves graduates of our schools — and our boys and girls serve, too, in other mission and government hospitals and dispensaries, in our own and other provinces. The two doctors in Jobat hospital are from our own area, Dr. Pushpalata Moti Lall from Jhansi, and Dr. Sundar Lall Daniel from Amkhut. You will find them too, as ordained ministers, as evangelists, working in railway work shops, in mills, state bus motor drivers, policemen, in the army, in the navy — wherever possible, taking their place as worthy citizens, and witnessing to the power of God in changing lives. The first two babies given to the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home were boys. One of these boys is hospital evangelist in Jobat, the other is in the Indian air force, and is stationed in Srinagar, Kashmir.

Looking forward to the not-too-distant future, we hope to have India head masters or head mistresses in all our schools. This is true, in a sense, now, in all village schools. In the schools where there are more than one teacher, one is responsible for organizing the daily work. He also collects fees and book bills, buys any necessities as chalk, pencils, locks, and gives a monthly report to the missionary supervisor. One of the supervisor's duties is to keep standards of all the schools at the same level, so that all can fit into Fourth Grade in the Amkhut school on graduation from the village school. This is another place where the work can be nationalized when we have a staff member with the necessary qualifications.

In closing may I express to you all my wish for a New Year of advance. Thank you for your help and interest, as I went among you during my year of deputation work. As I go back to India, I know you are with me in my thoughts and prayers, and knowing this, I can be a better representative for you there. Thank you all!

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In Honour of Miss Gertrude Scott!

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Ng; Miss Grace Lee; Miss Gertrude Scott; Rev. Stephen Lee.

"The Chinese Church, Sunday School and Kindergarten of Victoria, B.C., have all honoured Miss Scott with dinners, and farewell receptions. Three Affairs were held in December, at two of which, I represented Victoria Presbyterial and spoke; Mr. S. McCracken, Clerk of Presbytery also spoke; and Miss Isa La Pointe, who was Presbyterial President where Miss Scott was first appointed, paid loving and heartfelt tribute to Gertrude. The various Chinese Groups gave Miss Scott a gold pen and pencil set; a purse, well-filled with money; a Longine wrist watch; a set of lamps; gloves and numerous other smaller and personal remembrances. Miss Scott, who is a native daughter of Victoria will continue to work for her W. M. S., not only as Presbyterial Historian, but in the Chinese Church, and in her own Auxiliary, the Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B. C." *(Excerpt from letter from Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, President of Victoria Presbyterial.)*

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES 1962

Dates and Places

JULY 9-JULY 13, 1962—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario
JULY 23-JULY 27, 1962—Alberta College, Edmonton, Alberta

Purpose

To provide opportunities, for those carrying leadership responsibilities in certain aspects of Women's Missionary Society Work, to grow —

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in an understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders
- and in spiritual insight and fellowship

Who May Attend

Synodical and Presbyterial:
- Presidents
- Secretaries for:
  - —Children's work
  - —Girls' (Teen-Age) work
  - —Adult work

—Officers of all Adult groups in the W.M.S. (Auxiliaries, Affiliated or Associate groups)

—Others delegated to attend by adult groups in the Society

—A limited number of C.O.C., Explorer, and C.G.I.T. leaders interested in leadership skills.

KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND AND WATCH FOR FURTHER PUBLICITY

TYNDALE HOUSE

by CATHERINE WATSON

THE PEOPLE attending Tyndale House, a Presbyterian Church, and an Evangelical Social Settlement, under the Presbyterian Church in Canada, had in 1961, many and varied interests. I am sharing a few of them with you.

The District Public Health Nurse stopped two of her friends, ages three and four, who were walking hand in hand along the street. "Where are you going?" she asked. "To Tyndale House", was the reply. "We go to 'chool."

Mornings find fifteen boys and girls bounding, or sneaking, up the steps, as they come to Nursery School. The two hours each day pass quickly as the children play with the toys, sing, hear stories, do crafts, play games and talk. "Where is Jesus?" came out during one of our talks together. "He is everywhere. He is with your father on the New York train. He is right here with us." One boy turned all around and then stated, "I don't see Him." This led to the simplified discussion on Jesus as a Spirit.

Two shows at the Show Mart presented an opportunity for the Nursery School to see live animals. At the Agricultural Show, three pigs were in one pen. In a chorus, the children called, "The three pigs! Where is the big, bad wolf?" — much to the amusement of the bystanders. At the Sportsmen's Show what excitement there was when the picture book wild animals became a reality, as we saw some of the Granby Zoo animals.

In the fall of 1960, a congregation was constituted at Tyndale House. In the fall of 1961, one of the City Ministers began serving part-time at Tyndale House.

The Church School meets fifty-two Sundays a year. One Sunday, representatives from the Primary Department visited the Church School at St. Colomba-by-the-Lake Presbyterian Church. The size of the Church School, and being a member for the day in the Church School classes, impressed the children.

How did we get our Bible? Those who attended the Leadership Training classes know, because we studied the book, "How the Bible Grew". Why am I a Christian? The answer to that is being strengthened further by those in the Leadership Training groups, as they study now the "Religions of the World".

What an exciting time the Junior Choir had when they met with the other junior choirs at the Montreal Church School Association Music

Festival! They benefited so much from the experience. How proud the Junior Choir members were when, in December, they donned their new choir-gowns and caps, as a result of the efforts of many Tyndale mothers and friends! Because of popular demand in the fall, a Cherub Choir was organized. At the White Gift Service and at the Christmas Service, these two choirs assisted the Senior Choir.

"Why, Hong Kong buildings look like those in Montreal!" was one of the remarks made by the Children of the Church as they and their friends had Mrs. Louie as their guest. They appreciated her showing her furlough slides.

"I liked that," and "What a big church!" were two of the statements as the Children of the Church talked about their visit to the Children of the Church of Ephriam Scott Memorial Church.

The Girls' Explorers and the Boys' Explorers, and their guests, had a joint meeting at the conclusion of their Mission Study, when the Bible Society film, "To Bala for a Bible", was shown. Together again for their Christmas meeting, they shared the programme by conducting Worship, Christmas Carol singing, dramatics and a shadow play.

For some years now, the Children at Tyndale House have joined in the Women's World Day of Prayer, using the Special Children's Service, and conducting it themselves. Each children's group is responsible for part of the service. The C.G.I.T. and other teen-age groups at Tyndale House, with others from nearby churches, joined in the Teen-age World Day of Prayer Service. Thus our prayers form a link in the chain of prayers around the world that day. This means much to those worshipping at those services.

Leprosy! Is it still in the world? The two Explorer groups, the C.G.I.T. and the Boys' Brigade, which is in the process of being organized, and their friends, were able to learn about it when Rev. Mr. King came to Tyndale to talk to them and show a film.

The two adult W.M.S. groups, the Young Women's Auxiliary, organized this fall, and the Evening Auxiliary, visited the Moore Home, the Protestant Home for the Aged. "Tyndale!" one woman exclaimed excitedly, "I used to be a member of the White Shield Club at Tyndale years ago." Her greetings were brought back to the White Shield Club. The Missionary outlook among the adults has been broadened through the prepared Missionary Study and the visits from Miss M. Kennedy, Miss I. Stringer and Miss D. Lukes.

Summer time! Vacation Church School time! Last year the Primary and the Juniors met from ten to three, eating a picnic lunch at noon. The kindergarten met alone on the morning of another week. The children look forward each year to that time of learning and of fellowship.

Much more, I could relate about

the groups, forty-four in all, meeting at Tyndale House, and their regular programmes and the special days. Besides these groups, mostly church-centred, the other activities at Tyndale include crafts, recreation, service, athletic, educational, uniformed groups, summer fun club, summer day and evening outings. Without the capable assistance of forty-six volunteers, the three full-time, and the one part-time workers would have been unable to conduct the 1,548 group sessions held at Tyndale in 1961, with an aggregate attendance of 26,286.

As in the picture in the Presbyterian Church Calendar, the artists mix the colours while painting, the colours of the more than four hundred members at Tyndale House blend, as they worship, work and play together. Just as Jesus' arms are open to receive all, Tyndale's doors are open to all. Are we not all one in God's Kingdom? "Colours do mix!"

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - December 31st, 1961

	1960	1961
British Columbia	$ 5,401.80	$ 8,173.20
Alberta	6,627.60	6,600.00
Saskatchewan	4,388.92	3,846.67
Manitoba	8,117.50	8,366.84
Hamilton and London	74,357.51	95,802.04
Toronto and Kingston	74,027.70	72,487.61
Montreal and Ottawa	46,139.50	36,439.85
	$219,060.53	$231,716.21

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Council will be held from Monday, May 7th to Friday May 11th, 1962, inclusive, in Toronto, Ontario. The Theme for the Meeting will be — "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" — (John 15, verse 16). Meetings will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

WHAT DO WE STUDY?

by (MRS. W.) RHODA GEGGIE

(Note: This is the second article in a series. For the first — Why Do We Study? — see February issue.)

IT IS IMPORTANT to study, but the next step is important too — What do we study?

Well, what *do* we study? Certainly some sort of planned programme is needed. To get the most out of our periods of study there must be continuity. To study Latin one month, French the next, and German the month after that, is not going to give us much of a working knowledge of any language. Just so in Mission Study: to jump from British Güiana one month, to Formosa the next, to India the next, will only lead to confusion.

And so a plan is necessary.

It would be almost impossible for each Group across the country to work out its own programme. Materials are not always easily available — costs are tremendous — and time is certainly of supreme importance in this hectic age.

Therefore, some 29 denominations on the North American continent have joined forces and formed the Commission on Missionary Education. This Commission works within the Department of Christian Education, of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, United and Presbyterian denominations in Canada are members of this Commission.

A plan is necessary but how many of us realize how great that plan must be — how far-seeing?

Approximately 5 years in advance of when we sit down one afternoon or evening to participate, however grudgingly, in a Study Programme, men and women have come together and studied and discussed, and decided upon the general theme of that very programme!

When the theme is decided upon, then specifications are laid down. Authors are sought, research is done, manuscripts are read, suggestions and corrections are made, and finally, still almost 2 years before the Study Programme comes to light in a Group meeting, all this wealth of material is passed on to the cooperating churches. And there it is adapted to apply to the particular work of that denomination. In our own case, the Adult Work Committee is responsible for adapting this material, and preparing the individual programme suggestions. So our Study Packet, as we know it in the Women's Missionary Society, comes into being. Years of planning and labour and study come into our hands all tied up in a neat packet for something over $2.00 each.

Yet, knowing all these things, we can still say, when we take the packet in our hands, "What do we Study?"

For it is in the opening of the packet and in the use of the materials contained in it that determines what we study.

Every woman in every congregation should be a missionary woman — a woman interested in, and dedicated to, the total mission of the Church.

The total mission of the Church is not just the Church at work Overseas, but the Church at work with immigrants, and refugees, and outcasts; the Church at work with the unmarried mother and the old-age pensioner; the Church at work in the downtown and depressed areas of our large cities; the Church at work in our own community.

What do we Study? We study the total mission of the Church.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the students and staff of the Cecilia Jeffrey and Birtle Indian Schools, that the power of God's love may be made very real to them, throughout the year 1962.

—For our Missionaries, Miss Bernice Barker, serving the Indian people in the Kenora area, and Miss Cathy Denholm, serving in the City of Winnipeg, that they may have renewed strength and courage in their witness.

—For all Boards and Committees of the Church as they meet this month, that all decisions made may be such as will advance the Mission of the Church.

—For all who plan for and attend Synodical Annual meetings, that in the planning for and participation in the meetings each may have a deeper understanding of her responsibilities as a professing Christian.

—For Miss Irene Stringer who returns to the Bhil field in India to take up her work in education; for all our educational missionaries — Miss Scott, Miss Sherrick in the Bhil field in India, Miss Magee, Miss Leask, Miss Wadsworth in the Jhansi field, India, and for Miss Douglas in Formosa.

—For all educational work shared by our church and society overseas. Pray that through teaching the curricula of various countries, through teaching a knowledge of the Bible, and through witness of Christian teachers the Word may continue to be spread throughout the world.

Anniversary Corner

INTRODUCING,

"THE ANNIVERSARY CORNER"

AND

MRS. JEAN STEWART

Mrs. Jean Stewart

by ELLEN V. HAW, Chairman, Anniversaries' Committee

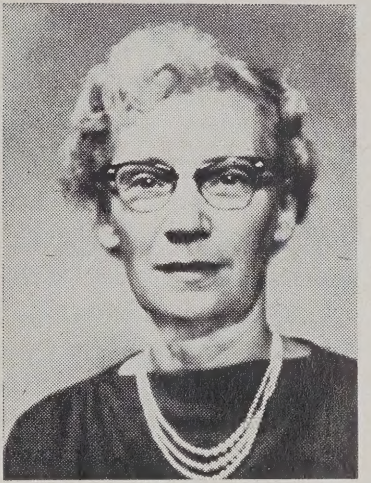
MEET (Mrs. Henry E.) Jean Stewart, who will present a blend of news, history, and information about the 1964 Anniversary Year. There is to be an "Anniversary Corner" in future issues of the Glad Tidings, aimed at keeping members and friends informed — so be on the watch for these articles, and use them personally and in groups, to keep communication on Anniversary matters at a high level throughout our church.

Jean Stewart will be known to many as the former Jean Black of Nashville, Ontario, and as a graduate Deaconess. She will also be remembered for her outstanding work as Assistant to the Secretary for Missionary Education of the General Board of Missions from 1956 to 1958. Mrs. Stewart is now a resident of Streetsville, and is a member of the W.M.S. auxiliary in St. Andrews' Church.

Mrs. Stewart has served on Christian Education committees at the national level, and is currently a member of Assembly's committee on the Place of Women in the Church.

In addition to producing the material for the Glad Tidings "Anniversary Corner", Mrs. Stewart is serving as a member of the Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive, and is taking responsibility for publicity in relation to the 1964 meetings to be held in Montreal. The Society is fortunate in having such a well-qualified person undertake this important piece of work. Mrs. Stewart is an Honour English graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto, and has wide experience and knowledge of the work of the church and the Women's Missionary Society.

THE NEW SECRETARY FOR CHILDREN'S WORK



Miss Mabel Booth

MISS MABEL BOOTH

In the February issue of the Glad Tidings, the appointment of Miss Mabel Booth to the position of Secretary for Children's Work in the Presbyterian Church in Canada was announced. We know that all who work with children in the Church School and leaders of *Children of the Church* and *Explorer* groups will welcome Miss Booth to this position. Miss Booth is well known to many people across Canada in the various areas where she has served the Church.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The beautiful photograph which forms our Front Cover Picture this month is the gift of Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of Victoria, B.C., whose talented photography it is. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, B. C., and this photograph, along with several others which we hope to use later, was sent to us by Mrs. L. W. McLean, wife of the Minister of that Church, and President of Victoria Presbyterial, to whom they were given with the thought that they might sometime be used as cover pictures for our Glad Tidings. Our warm appreciation and thanks go out to both these ladies. (Ed.)

ONE WEEK IN ARGENTINA!

by (Mrs. W. N.) MARGARET V. FERGUSON

(Former Children's Secretary on Council Executive)

Saturday — Our apartment here in Buenos Aires, in the Argentine, seems almost like home. There is a combined living-dining room; hallway, with table and telephone; a large bedroom and bathroom; the kitchen has a gas stove, electric refrigerator, sink and cupboards — all most comfortable and convenient. We are on the third floor, but there is a self-operated elevator. On all sides of us there are new apartment blocks — from the balcony, off the kitchen, we can see one forty stories high!

One afternoon I looked out our front window and watched the workmen all having their lunch. What a difference from lunch-time in Canada! At 11:30, they send a man with a huge basket to collect the food for lunch. From the bakery, he brings back dozens of small sticks of French bread; then he goes to the butcher-shop and gets steaks, chops, or big sausages; finally he goes to the grocery-store for bottles of wine and soda water. While he is gone, another man makes a charcoal fire in a pail, on a block of cement, just outside the building. Over this he puts a piece of old wire screening, and on this he cooks the meat for all the workmen. When all is ready, they bang on an old pipe, and everybody comes to eat lunch together — bread, meat, and a bottle of cheap wine.

Sunday — Today we went to Service in the American Methodist Church, which has been in Buenos Aires for over 125 years. It is right down town, situated between tall business blocks — inside it is in very good repair, but not at all modern, like some of our Churches at home. The Choir and the organ are quite high up, at the back of the Church, and there are some beautiful old stained-glass windows, in lovely tones of blues, greens, reds, and yellow. Unlike Church windows at home, these are not Biblical pictures, but they all have the symbols of Christianity — such as the Cross, Crown, Communion Cup, the Descending Dove, and many others. We went to Church by street car, an old car that swayed from side to side as it joggled along. In the afternoon we visited the Zoo, and saw all sorts of birds and beasts. The great tall Giraffes, with their brown and cream coats, looked lovely in the warm sunshine; the seals and penguins were having fun in the pond; the parrots and monkeys tried to outdo each other with their screeching. Leaving the Zoo, we took a ride in an open carriage, all through Palermo Park, where we saw the pretty artificial lake and the children boating; then down the wide driveway all along the famous River Plate, before going home for dinner.

Monday — Early this morning, we walked to the "Retiro", which is what the Railway Station is called in Argentina, and on our way there saw many children on their way to school — the boys all wearing a white linen coat over their clothes; each little girl wearing a white starched "pinny" with long sleeves, pleated across the front on a yoke, and with a narrow white belt tied at the back. Most of the streets here are rather rough walking, since they are mostly cobblestones or small squares of granite laid side by side. The one leading to the station is lined with stalls selling apples, oranges, books, candy bars, peanuts, and even small bags of olives. Soon we had our tickets, the train whistle blew, and we were on our way to visit our American friends in Hurlingham. This train runs diagonally through the centre of the City, and, as we passed these trim suburban houses, most of them had an orange or lemon tree growing in the yard, looking so close from our train window that we could almost reach out to pick the ripe fruit. Poinsettias, in this land, are huge, some of them trees as high as a bungalow, and there are all kinds of lovely flowers. Later, we passed the Barracks, where a regiment of Cavalry is stationed, and there, at 8:30 in the morning, all the horses had already been groomed and were now being exercised — each man rode one and led two others — hundreds and hundreds of beautiful brown Argentine horses! A truly unforgettable picture! Hurlingham, itself, is an English settlement, about an hour's ride from Beunos Aires — a picture-book English-type village, with stucco houses set in lovely gardens, and flagstone paths with masses of roses and marigolds, pansies and many-coloured Anemones — all surrounded by green hedges.

Tuesday — We have been walking almost all day — getting our shopping done! Of course, we came back to the Apartment several times to leave our parcels, and at noon we had a "Beefie". This is a roll split in two, with a piece of hot grilled Filet of Beef between it — very good indeed! First, we visited the Bakery. Bread is not "wrapped" here as it is at home; indeed very few things are wrapped. If you are an Argentinian, you take a clean dish towel for your bread and rolls; the more wealthy housewives send a maid, carrying a fancy striped bag with handles, and the word "Pan" (bread) embroidered on it. One could walk past the Grocery Store without recognizing it, for the windows are filled with bottles of wine and liquors of all sorts. Seldom does one ever see displays of jams, fruits, or soaps, etc., but we did get our tea, coffee, milk, butter, and eggs. Next we went to the Butcher-Shop, where all the meat is laid out on a wooden table, or hung from hooks on a rail. At night, the meat is kept in the refrigerator, but during the day it just lies exposed to flies and dust, since there are no doors to close when the shutters come off in the morning! The Vegetable Man comes to the Apartment door, and everyone goes out with their bags to choose what they need. The very long cart, with its two wheels in the middle, is painted bright blue, with many-coloured fancy curlicues on the body, and the canopy over the top. Nothing is tied in bunches. You just pick out what you want, and it is weighed in an old-fashioned scale with metal weights. Our last trip up the hill was for flowers. Every street corner has its Flower Stall, and flowers are very cheap here — marigolds — 20c per bunch; coloured fresias — 15c; pink roses — 75c a dozen.

Wednesday — Today was Down-Town Shopping for me! There are dozens of stores with leather jackets and belts; wallets, shoes, and purses, of elegant crocodile. The Maté cups and Bombillas are most interesting and typically Argentine. This is a cup made from a gourd, trimmed with silver, and the Gauchos always used these when out on the pampas (plains). In the Maté, is served an herb tea, called "Yerba", and it is sucked through a metal straw, called "Bombilla". Many Argentine people prefer "Yerba" in the afternoon instead of the tea and coffee we use. It is supposed to pep you up and take away the tired feeling. In San Martin Square, there are benches to rest upon; lovely shade trees, fountains playing; statuary to admire; and a splendid playground for children. Everyone feeds the pigeons, which fly around the Square by hundreds. Later we took a "Collectivo" (small bus) and rode up the Avenido de Mayo to see the Presidential Palace, the "Cassa Rosada" (the Pink House). In the nearby buildings, we saw bullet holes in the walls, from the Revolution of a few years ago. Going home, we took another "Colectivo", and rode down one of the widest streets in the world — the 9th de Julio Avenide.

Thursday — We were loaned a station-wagon, and a driver, for today, so set off early for La Platto, the Capital of the Province. We drove through the Provincial Park, a lovely spot of many acres, with trees and picnic-tables, slides and swings for children, and fireplaces for cooking. Many of these trees are Eucalyptus Gums, with grey bark and long gray-green leaves. We saw hundreds of the national bird, the Hornero (Oven-Bird), a brownish-gray bird, about the size of our robins, with a cheery lilting song. Their nests are most unusual. Built on fences, the tops of telephone poles, and branches of trees, they are formed of a clay-like substance and look like an old-fashioned outdoor oven, with a door at the side. In this same park, men were catching Cardinals to sell as pets — those beautiful slate-grey birds, with bright red heads, and V-shaped vest of red.

Next we visited "The Children's

Village", built by the late Eva Peron, wife of the Dictator. It is patterned on a Medieval Village, with moat and draw-bridge; Village Square, with statuary, shops, and public buildings — all built child-size, and in perfect detail. There is a Post Office, Town Hall, School, Church, Main Railway Station, a miniature Railway, with small stations around the outside of the Village; shops and restaurants; gasoline station; a small modern factory. Actually, it is a Children's Orphange, and most of these buildings are dormitories. The Restaurants are the Children's dining halls. After dinner our driver took us to the "Punta" (Point), jutting out into the Atlantic, where, among all the usual fishermen, we saw a most unusual sight. A man went out in a rowboat, piled high with nets, and, on either side of the boat, walked a horse, with a man on its back! When the water reached the horses' shoulders, the man threw out the nets, fastening one corner to each horse. The horses then turned toward shore, dragging back the net in a horseshoe shape. When they reached shore, the net overflowed with lovely fish. In the shallow water, the fisherman discarded the catfish and small crabs; then drew the net into a circle on the sand, and packed the large fish into boxes for the market.

Friday — Another day with the Station-Wagon, and a trip to Lujan Cathedral, which occupies one whole side of the town Square, is of weathered gray stone, and very old. The centre of the Square is filled with trees and flowers and dozens of little booths selling religious souvenirs and supplies. During the year, hundreds of people come here on a pilgrimage. The Government has bought all the old Spanish-type houses on two sides of the Square, and made them into Museums filled with the treasures of ancient years, of great beauty and historical interest. Driving through the surrounding cattle country, we saw how the Pampas really look, with their herds and herds of cattle and horses. Some of the farm workers still wear what used to be standard "Gaucho" clothing — very baggy, rusty-brown pants, gathered round the waist with a sash, the baggy legs then tucked into high leather boots. A sort of kerchief is worn across the brow, to catch the sweat, and a felt hat sits on top of it. Not many of these outfits are seen now, however. Seeing eight horses, covered with mud, being driven down the road, we were told that they came from a nearby pottery, where they are driven round and round in the clay-and-water, thus mixing it with their hooves!

Saturday — This morning we visited Boca, the Italian section of Buenos Aires, at the mouth of the Parana River, where it flows into the Plate. "Boca", is the Italian word for mouth. Very many docks are here, and boats of all ages and sizes, from old wooden 3-masted schooners to modern diesel-driven freighters. The houses are very old, but all gaily painted. One would think, to look at some of them, that they started to paint with pink, till it ran out; then picked up green; and after that probably finished with orange or red! Most streets are either cobbled or of old wooden blocks. We took the escalator to the top of the high bridge, and looked down on all the docks, and the huge cranes loading the ships for far-away lands. We also went through a huge Recreation Centre, donated by a now-famous Italian painter, born in Boca, which has rooms on 4 floors, with equipment for all ages. There is a Day-Care Nursery, painted to match the houses outside; the piano done in stripes of red, green, pink, and blue; small chairs in every known colour. The Murals, all done by the donor, are scenes of the Boca district and the loading and unloading of various cargoes. Italian cakes and coffee finished this last interesting day in Argentine. Tomorrow, we start for home!

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An Interesting "Reverse Twist" in Missionary Giving!

A CHURCH IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, New York, is the recipient of a gift of $1,000.00 from Churches in *East Asia!* This gift came as a complete surprise to Judson Memorial Church, which is located on the south side of Washington Square, New York City, and is related to both the American Baptist Convention, and the United Church of Christ. This Church, which is well known for its community work, is the *only* one on the North American Continent to be chosen by the Asian Christians. Said Mr. Howard Moody, Minister of the Church — "We knew nothing about it until we received a letter from the East Asian Christian Conference, telling us that we were to receive an allocation from the "Fellowship of the Least Coin".

This "Fellowship of the Least Coin", we know, was originated in 1956, by an Indian woman, who conceived the idea that each Christian woman, regardless of economic or social background, would, each month, set aside "the least coin of her country", at the same time praying for her Christian sisters around the world. Women in India, Pakistan, Iran, Thailand, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Lebanon, Portugal, Brazil, Columbia, and, more recently, the United States, hold special Prayer Services in September to dedicate these "least coins" of their respective lands. These Christian women around the world, through this "Fellowship of the Least Coin" have united to support a wide variety of projects. Some of these are — a chaplaincy for Asian and African students in France; a Family Training

Programme at Mindola Ecumenical Centre in Northern Rhodesia; a School Programme in Latin America, and 12 beds for tuberculosis patients in India. This modern counterpart of "the widow's mite" has grown so that the sum allocated now is annually about $40,000.

But what about the East Asia Christian Conference? It is a regional ecumenical organization which includes 45 Churches and Christian Councils in East Asia, from West Pakistan to Japan and Korea in the North, and Australia and New Zealand in the South. It was founded at Prapat, Indonesia, in 1957. Its General Secretary is one of Asia's outstanding Christians, the Rev. D. T. Niles, of Jaffna, Ceylon. The entire Programme of "The Fellowship of the Least Coin" is under the sponsorship of the Asian Church Women's Conference — an affiliated branch of the East Asian Christian Conference — and the money comes primarily from Asian women.

The Rev. Alan Brash, New Zealand, is the Inter-Church Aid Secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference, and in his letter which accompanied this remarkable gift to Judson Memorial Church, in New York, he explains — "It is our practice each year to support two Projects within Asia, and also to send a contribution in the name of the Asian Churches, to some selected Project in each of the major continents of the world." This is only the second time such a Project has been selected on the North American Continent — the first one being for a Child Care Programme at the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City.

And why was Judson Memorial Church chosen as the recipient this year? Always noted for its outstanding community work, and for its good programme for teen-agers from South Village, where many teen-age problems exist, it has a unique ministry which includes an Art Gallery, a theatre, literary magazine, and an outstanding programme of rehabilitation for narcotic addicts. "The letter from the East Asian Christian Conference said we were absolutely free to make whatever use we want of the gift", says the Pastor, "and we plan to use it for the narcotics rehabilitation work and for our Arts Programme." This Church was named for a great nineteenth century Missionary to Burma, so there seems a special appropriateness in the choice of Judson Memorial Church, as benevolence by a group of Asian Christians.

(Courtesy World Council of Churches)

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Synodical Society, of Toronto and Kingston will be held in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, April 10, 11, 12. For billets, please write the billeting convener, Mrs. George H. Lee, 16 Riverview Gardens, Toronto 9, Ontario.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP At The ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by MISS LILY MACARTHUR

(This is the third of the series of Devotional Services, based on the Theme of the Annual Council Meeting, and conducted by Miss Lily Macarthur, at the Meetings in Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario, last May. Miss Macarthur has kindly given us the privilege of publishing these Services in "The Glad Tidings", and we know that they are being greatly appreciated by our readers, and used in Auxiliary Meetings. The final Devotional will appear next.)

Theme:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." (Timothy 2-2:15)

Call To Worship:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19—verse 7)

Hymn No. 323—verses 1-2-3:

"Jesus stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour."

Scripture—Psalm 119—verses 33-40:

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear, for thy judgements are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness."

Meditation:

We continue our meditation on the word "study", giving emphasis on study of God's Word. If we are going to be workmen approved of our Master, we must know the kind of service He requires. Information and instruction are provided for us in the Scriptures.

Have you ever had the experience, on a busy day, of thinking, "When I finish this, I must stop and have my Bible study and meditation"? Instead of stopping, you go on to do something else. The thought persists, and finally a few Scripture verses are hurriedly read. Then, that duty performed, one goes on to the work of the day. But what has been taken into the day from the passage read?

Or, have you ever heard an interpretation, or application, of some Scripture teaching which truly inspired and challenged you, and you thought — "Why have I never seen that truth before?" Real study of Scripture takes time, discipline, and concentration. A dictionary is needed, also books giving the background of the book of the Bible which is being studied. One must believe that the study is of prime importance. The Holy Spirit is waiting to teach.

It has been my experience that not always do I, consciously, receive any special message, or inspiration, at the time of study. Information is gained through the careful reading of the Bible passage, and material which explains the meaning of words, and gives historical background and customs of the people of that period. However, later on, an illuminating thought or truth comes, then another, and another, until it seems that the mind cannot take it all in.

One learns that the theme of the Bible is **GOD** — God and His dealings with the people through the ages. There are surprises at the way God sometimes works, and the people He uses for the accomplishment of His purpose. We see, over and over again, that God is the God of *individuals,* and the God of all nations and peoples.

Greatest of all revelations, we see Jesus Christ — God become Man, that men and women everywhere, searching for satisfaction, peace, and rest, may find that for which they have been longing.

Prayer:

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy Word. Give to us a firm faith that Thou hast spoken to us through the Scriptures. Grant unto us increased desire to study Thy Word, and make us to see more clearly the Saviour it reveals. May Thy Spirit guide us as we approach its study, and make us able and willing to be governed by its teachings.

We pray in Jesus Name, Amen.

Psalm No. 15—All five verses, to be read or sung.

"God's law is perfect, and converts
The soul in sin that lies:—"

Miss Teen-Ager

FIRST GLIMPSES OF BRITISH GUIANA

by MERLE McGOWAN

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A good symbol of British Guiana

HI! From a land of palm trees, sunshine, warm sea breezes, sugar cane and rice fields, mango and banana trees and poinsettia bushes! Christmas was spent with friends who are missionaries on the Essequibo Coast. If I gazed from my bedroom window, I looked through a grove of cocoanut palms to the Atlantic Ocean. Every now and then you could hear a ripe cocoanut drop to the ground. In another part of the yard, was a mango tree with its branches hanging with fruit. It was fun to have a swim in the warm part of the Atlantic Ocean. This sounds different from a winter scene in Canada doesn't it?

Yes, I am very fascinated, and very interested, in my first "winter" in the tropics. Having been raised in Saskatchewan, this is a real change! As you travel from one part of the world to another, you are constantly aware of God's handiwork in the creation of His world. No mere man would have arranged such wonderful differences in nature, and in the races of men.

A visit to a sugar mill one day gave insight into the process of converting sugar cane to the product we know — sugar. It was interesting to see the green cane being all chopped up, the juice squeezed out and boiled, and then the sugar and molasses separated. As you drive past a sugar mill, the odour of molasses is very strong.

British Guiana is called the 'land of six nations' and truly it is so. It is also a land divided by three rivers — the Demerara, Essequibo and Berbice. These are also the names of the three counties in British Guiana.

Our trip from Georgetown to the Essequibo Coast took half a day. First, we crossed the Demerara River by ferry. That took about ten minutes. Then we drove the car for twenty miles and boarded a steamer at Parika, which took us across the Essequibo River to Adventure. There are 365 islands in the Essequibo River. Some are large, like Leguan, where our Church has four congregations and a Primary School. Some are small, like Tiger Island, which is the private estate of one man, and where we have a Primary School. As we drew near Hogg Island, little motor boats came out to meet the steamer with passengers, and to take passengers off the steamer.

British Guiana is also a land of contrasts. In the city, there are modern motor-dray carts, and there are many carts pulled by little donkeys; there are many cars and buses, but also many people cycling or walking, or riding on the donkey carts; in the country you see modern farm machinery, and oxen working the rice fields.

Christmas-time means a month's holiday for boys and girls here. But soon we will see them passing our house on their way to school dressed in their red, green, or navy uniforms, with crisp white blouses or shirts.

G.G.I.T. (Guiana Girls in Training) is slowly taking root in our Church, with the same purpose as C.G.I.T. — "to become the girls that God would have them be".

Life here does not move too fast, partly because of the climate and I think, partly because of the temperament of the people. No one seems to get perturbed if a ferry is fifteen to twenty minutes late leaving, because a man can't get his stubborn little donkey to walk up the gang-plank!

These are only a few pictures of the things I have seen in my new 'home'. I have been here only two months; I still have many more things to discover about the country, the ways of the people, and the work of the Church here. It is a great joy to serve as Christ's disciple wherever it be in His world.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by Leeta McCully Cherry

GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE By Clarence E. Macartney

DR. MACARTNEY, the author of this book was widely recognized, for many years before his death in 1957, as one of America's most outstanding Ministers, who served for more than fifty years as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. His sermons were noted for their wealth of appealing human interest and the fresh insights they presented of great spiritual truths and human character. All of his many books grew out of these sermons, and his own deep experiences of life and living. As he thought of following his series of sermons — and later of books, on "The Greatest Men of The Bible", and "Sermons on Old Testament Heroes", with a series about the great women of the Bible, he gave his congregation the opportunity to vote on those whom they considered the greatest women of the Bible, just as they had previously voted on the greatest men. This book is the result of that voting, and of long and analytical searching of the Scriptures, in order to portray the lives and characteristics of these women.

In the voting, Ruth stood first; Eve, last. In his book, Dr. Macartney included most of the women of the Bible, who received the highest listing, as well as several who were not placed in the first ten. Here is the story of "The Woman Who Got Her Man" — Ruth; "The Woman Whose Beauty

THE CALVARY ROAD By Roy and Revel Hession

THIS IS a very thought-arousing small book of seventy-four pages, dealing with "The Message of Revival", written by a young man and his wife who previously presented these ten Chapters in a small paper called "Challenge", in which they were seeking to point the way for young Christians to find the deeper experience of knowing their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Because of the great interest shown in these Articles, and the growing demand for back numbers of the small paper for which they were written, the authors have put some of these into this small book, and sent them on their way, looking to God to use them as He will. "The things recorded in this book," they say in their introduction, "have been learned in fellowship with others in various parts, who have begun, like ourselves, to walk 'The Way of The Cross', in a new way. Any others in that fellowship might have written these chapters. This fact, we think, adds to the strength and significance of what is here written." These are Chapter Headings — "Brokenness; Cups Running Over; The Way of Fellowship; The Highway of Holiness; The Dove and The Lamb; Revival In The Home; The Mote and the Beam; Are You Willing To Be A Servant?; The Power of the Blood of The Lamb; Protesting Our Innocence." Price — .50c Paper.

Bible Readings for Boys and Girls
Selections from the Revised Standard Version Bible

HERE IS A truly beautiful, and thoroughly worth-while, book, which would be a real treasure for any young person to possess, both for the beauty of its illustrations, and the beauty of each Bible story chosen to fulfil its 15 chapters. This is not, in any sense, a book of Bible stories, re-written in more simple language. These selections, from both the Old and New Testament, are all in the language of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, itself, and have been most carefully chosen and arranged, for the use of boys and girls from nine years old to the teen-age years, by experienced members of the Committee on Children's Work, of the National Council of Churches. Selections were decided upon because these stories are the ones most apt to interest young people of those ages, since they can read and understand for themselves, without adult guidance, and so be led to the reading of the Bible itself with greater enjoyment and breadth of understanding. Indeed, this book is looked upon "as the perfect bridge between the brief Bible Story Books for children, and the entire Bible for older young people and adults." The stories of the Old Testament reveal the history and literature which leads to the revelation of Christ, as recorded in the New Testament, from which selections come the graphic portrayal of the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The many illustrations are outstanding, and of real meaning. Price — $3.00.

LEXY FOR SHORT By Audrey McKim

ANY C.G.I.T. MEMBER, or any girl who hopes to be one, would delight in the gift of this splendid teen-age book, written by one of our own Canadian writers, who certainly understands young girls, and has filled her book with fun and interest. Lexy's father is a Minister, who moves from Ontario to a charge in Alberta, and Lexy's life from then on is filled with the doings of a typical Canadian teen-ager, in school, home, and church, and as she emerges into an adult world, whose understanding will be greatly enriched by the experiences of her C.G.I.T. days and contacts. This book is really a "find", for Leaders, who are looking for a good book as gift or prize! Price — $3.75.

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Boys and Girls!

ANOTHER NEW FRIEND

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"ARE YOU GOING TO TELL US a story today, Aunt Mary?" It was the C.O.C. and Explorer children at the church. They were with their missionary friend, Aunt Mary.

"No," said Aunt Mary, with a twinkle in her eye, "but someone else is."

"Who, Aunt Mary? Who?" asked all the children at once.

"A friend of mine," she said. "A friend of yours too. His name is Stephen. His home is in British Guiana. But I'm going to let him tell you his own story." With that, she held up an envelope. "Here it is," she said. "He has written a letter to you. Would one of you like to read it to us?"

"I would," said Marjie.

"Good," said Aunt Mary. "Here you are, Marjie. Let's hear what Stephen has to say to us."

And so Marjie began:—

"Dear boys and girls in Canada —

My name is Stephen. I am as old as you are. I live in British Guiana. There is jungle all around my village. I have been to a city only once. It was big and noisy. It had many people and big buildings.

I go to school here in my village. It is a small school. It is made of wood and has a metal roof. It has just one room. It is not big enough for all the boys and girls. Some of us have to sit on the floor because there are no more benches.

My teacher says that we learn many of the same things here that you do in Canada. We learn to read. We learn to write. We learn to do arithmetic. We learn about other countries, too. One day, we learned about Canada. None of us can imagine what snow is like. Perhaps one day, when I am big, I will travel. Then I will go to Canada, and see for myself.

Sometimes, we play games at school. The one I like most is called, "rounders". Do you know how to play it? We play it a lot.

Once a week the Missionary comes to our school. We all like that day. After school is over we all have a meeting. She teaches us new songs. She talks to us about

Jesus. I like the stories she tells. The last time she came, the story was about Jesus going to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. He had so much He wanted to learn. He had so many questions He wanted to ask.

We try to tell other boys and girls in our village about Jesus. Many here are not Christians, you know. They do not believe the things they hear about Jesus. They think idols can help them. And so you see, those of us who are Christians can be missionaries right here.

I find it hard to write on this paper. Doesn't that sound funny? But it is true. You see, I do not write on paper often. Mostly we use a slate at school. My teacher says you have slates in Canada for toys. Here we have slates instead of scribblers at school. The Missionary gave me this paper and the envelope the last time she came. I said I would write to you. The next time she comes she will take it and send it to you.

I am so glad I can read. Grandmother cannot read. She never had the chance to go to school. Sometimes she asks me to read to her from the Bible. I like it when she asks me to read.

Goodbye for now! Perhaps some day I will write to you again.

Your friend, Stephen"

"What a nice letter," said Peter.

"That game he liked, 'rounders', do you know it, Aunt Mary?" asked Janey.

"Yes, I do," she said. "Would you like to learn to play it?"

"Oh, yes," they all said together.

"Very well," said Aunt Mary, "First, let's move all the chairs back. This game takes a lot of space. It is something like baseball, but you use your hand instead of a bat, and you use a big ball. Here is a volleyball. We'll use it. We need two teams, and so Peter, you choose one. Tim, you choose the other. Now, Peter, your team will be up to bat first. Tim, your team will be in the field first. Bill will be catcher; Marjie, pitcher; Ann, baseman; and the rest of you will be in the field.

Peter will be batter first. He must hit at the ball every time it is thrown to him. He will try to hit it with his hand. If he misses three times, he is out. If he hits it, he must run to the base and back again before the baseman can run and touch him with the ball. The fielders must get the ball to the baseman as fast as they can. If Peter is touched before he gets home, he is out. If not, he will have other turns until he is out. When three batters are out, the teams will change places.

Sometime, you may want to play this game when there aren't enough for teams. That's all right. Just play it like you play scrub, when there aren't enough to have teams for baseball.

Are there any questions? No? Good. Let's play!" And with that the boys and girls began to play the new game.

"I like this game," said Peter. "I'm glad Stephen told us about it.

We will write and say thank you."

Leaders: Teach your children the game, rounders. Explorers, particularly, will enjoy it. Many games played in South American countries are in the book 'Children's Games From Many Lands', on pages 110-131. Make a diorama to show Stephen's school, or a box movie to tell about British Guiana. Directions for a Diorama are on pages 25-30 in 'Here's How and When' and for a box movie, the directions are on pages 78-79 in the same book. Your children would like the story, 'A Chance for School' on pages 97-101 in 'Missionary Stories to Play and Tell'.

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FROM HINDUISM TO CHRIST

The Story of My Conversion

by REV. K. J. S. DORAIRAJ, a Minister of the Church of South India

I WAS BORN and brought up in a moderate Hindu house. As I was the only male child, my parents took great care in building up my character. My father was deeply religious, but broad-minded in religious practices. He was a great disciplinarian, and as such he did not spare the rod, with the result that I never realized his love. My mother, on the contrary, was very affectionate. She was very religious, superstitious, and strict in observing religious practices. She was moderately educated, and it was only on her lap that I learned about God and worship, and the ethics of life implied therein. She would tell stories from the Vidas, the Hindu Scriptures, and soon I was worshipping "Lords many and Gods many" with my whole heart.

To provide the best possible education in Negapatam, they put me in the Wesleyan Mission High School, which had for its principal the late Rev. D. A. Samuel, who was esteemed for his religious life, his Christian character, and teaching efficiency. He had gathered under him a set of teachers who not only taught well the academic subjects but also cared for the souls of pupils entrusted to their care. So I had the privilege of studying under Christian teachers.

When I was in my teens, I lost faith in "Lords many and Gods many" and slackened my worship. But true to Indian sentiment I believed that there is one God who is Truth. I wanted to find the truth. Scripture teaching in the school was efficiently done, but my parents were opposed to it. Though I deemed Christianity to be foreign, I was impressed by the way the teachers responded, and by their lack of evasion in what they did not know.

The desire to find the truth grew strong within me: doubts grew strong also. I visited mosques and had talks with Muslim friends, but I remained untouched. Many were the books I read in vain. Noticing this desire in me, one of my friends invited me to attend the Christian Church Sunday School and Services. I dared not attend the Wesleyan Church, because my teachers were members, so I attended the Anglican Church. The chanting there was unintelligible to me and that, together with the ceremonial conduct of the service, put me off.

After writing my school final examination, I took courage to attend the Wesleyan Church service. The simplicity of the service, and the way it was intelligibly conducted, created interest in me. It so happened that, that morning, my Principal took the service. When I saw him I grew nervous, and avoided looking at the pulpit. Whenever I raised my eyes in that direction, I felt that his eyes were set on me. I do not remember the text or the context, but during the course of the sermon these words struck me: "If anyone wants to find the truth, he must submit himself to Christ, even as a dirty cloth submits itself to the washerman — to be twisted, beaten and squeezed. For He is the Truth." I decided to try that way. It worked in me the whole day, and in the evening I expressed my determination to one of my teacher friends who, instead of being thrilled, calmly set before me the problems and troubles I would have to face. Seeing my determination, he introduced me to the Rev. D. A. Samuel, who daily explained to me the portions I read in the Bible and presented me with one.

For three months the instruction went on, but never once did he ask me whether I was willing to take baptism. As I grew in grace, one day I expressed my desire to be baptized. He explained to me at once the persecution I would have to undergo, and also the consequent separation from my home. Seeing my determination, we prayed together. It is impossible for me to forget that time, the first occasion when I prayed. It was a new experience.

During this time, the news reached my home and the troubles started. I was beaten and the Bible was taken from me, and I was warned. So I decided to leave my home secretly and get baptized. I ran off to Dharapuram, where I expected help, but my mother followed and took me back home. The late Rev. P. S. Rangaramanujam advised me to impress on my parents that I could be nothing but a Christian.

It was when I returned home that I tasted for the first time the deep love my father had for me. They so loved me that I found it impossible to leave them, and I prayed for trouble. It came — from abusive language to blows. Once, I was beaten in front of a crowd of a hundred people; and, at last, my father was so much irritated that he struck me with a piece of wood, which made a four-inch gash in my head.

That night I could not sleep, because of severe pain. It was about 4 A.M. that I prayed, "I have suffered so much to find Thee. Wouldest Thou reveal Thyself to me, so that I may be sure that Thou art the Truth?" Then, four things happened. I did not sleep, but I saw the face of Christ telling me that He had suffered for me. I saw Him as the Good Shepherd finding a sheep — saying that He would care for me. He led me through a forest, promising that He would guide me. And an uncle, of whom I never thought, appeared, and told me that he had known, from my birth, that I would become a Christian, and advised me to be true to the end.

I got up and told my Mother, who said that I was mad. But, gradually, they had to understand that I could only be a Christian. After other trials, I was baptized in Karur. It meant leaving my family and home, but I have experienced the great love and guidance of our Lord, Jesus Christ; through many ways He has led me since. May I commend my Lord to you?

(From "The Missionary Chronicle", the official Magazine of the Presbyterian Women's Union of Victoria, Australia, and of the Foreign Mission Committee.)

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THOUGHTS OF A COUNTRY WOMAN

"Rain and wind are March gifts in our valley. The thrumming of the storms is welcome. For the rain reaches deep into the frozen earth and frees the soil. The great winds move the ice from the ponds and sweep across frosty meadows. The forces of Nature are at work. I love the smell of the end of winter; the beginning of spring. The pure smell of melting snow and the rich odour of wet earth, and the scent of the dark wet pines are not to be missed.

Since I was a child, the world has been a troubled place, with wars, fears, and murders. I can barely remember when it was a peaceful world. One thing remains — to trust in God, and to live every day in the best way we can; and to pray, steadfastly, for prayer is a strength in itself. It is good now to watch the scudding clouds, to hear the music of the winds, and to feel the eternal sequence of the season. March comes again, as God has willed it, and April is just over the hill, waiting to bring again her wild sweet violets. It is Our Father's world, as it has always been — and ever will be!" (Selected)

SOMETHING IN THE AIR!

by A. T. OLA OLUDE, Nigeria

(Courtesy of "African Features," Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia)

THERE IS something in the air! What is it? Music — African Music! It thrills and charms. More than that, it is music with a perfect rhythm. What is it for? Is today a festival? No! It is commonplace in Africa — it can occur any time of the day or night. It may be a Christening Ceremony; the Naming Ceremony of a child; for a social gathering, maybe; for a wedding; or just a simple, ordinary get-together after the day's work is done. It is beautiful, enchanting, full of melody — I love to hear it!

There is *music* in the air — on the seashore; in the forest; in the hunting fields. There is music by the busy fishermen, competing with the rustling wind of storms. There is music on the streets; at the roadside; on the farms; in the market. There is music in the corner yonder; music in this village; in that village; at home. Ah — music everywhere, with cheers, with hand-clapping!

It is music with a meaning. In the pagan groves it helps to deaden fear. In the Christian churches, it inspires and uplifts the heart. It is the language of the soul, that everyone, lettered or unlettered, understands. It is simple, direct, clear — it is moving! It can rock a baby to sleep; spur an adult to dance. You hear a passer-by whistle a tune, or listen to a singing group of working men, cutting grass or ploughing. Labourers on the docks; prisoners at their manual labour — all bring music into their environment, and the strain of toil loses its bitterness.

Women treading the palm-oil canoe or pond, or women preparing cassava flour for the journey to the markets — work speeds as music rolls from their voices. A team of workers loading bananas in the Cameroons, or loading lorries at the motor-parks in Ibadan — they shout as they sing, and roar with laughter in the sunshine. People, who daub houses with mud, hasten the speed of their work with music of one voice followed by echoing refrains from the other daubers, as they enjoy the communal labour.

Children's play-songs at noon, or on moonlight evenings, drive off melancholy, as the children's dancing and singing fills the air. Professional drummers parade the streets, the compounds, and the market-places, with music of praise to entertain, and to make money for their daily bread. Bible texts, stories; proverbial sayings, jokes — all are combined at regular intervals in the music that rings in the ears. Families, whose parents, or grand-relatives, have recently been buried, perform dance parades around the town of their relatives, giving forth music that arouses emotions worthy of the occasion.

African music may be stimulating or solemn. It may speak of a joyful period, or of grief. In joy or sorrow, at work or at play, music gives meaning to life and adds pleasure. The African loves music. It runs steadily in his veins, raising hopes, spreading joy, giving zest to life, and cheering the heart with melody and harmony. Our music tells of the heroic past of someone, or of a whole tribe; or it may speak of their deeds of shame, in order to teach a lesson. Our talking drums, or hollow horns, announce the arrivel of an important guest, or swiftly carry a vital message.

Some one has described African Music as "Music of much warmth and charm." Experts say that African music does not include the key notes, "fah" and "te". Since most of the music produced is unwritten, the use of repetition is a regular device to perpetuate both the music, and the lesson of the musical speech. A European Missionary recently urged a group of African youths to keep their national heritage of music and art. "Do not despise them; develop them," he added.

African music is as rich, and can be as fully developed, as that of any other great nation. It is dignifying, and elevating. It is a National heritage of which all can be justifiably proud. It is a worthy treasure for coming generations.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .?

—Some twenty Asian students, studying at the present time in Europe, met recently at the John Knox House, the Presbyterian student centre in Geneva, for a week of discussions on the work of the churches in Asia today. The week-long conference, the second of its kind, was held under the auspices of the student centre, the World Student Christian Federation, and the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches. The students came from Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Ceylon, Japan and Malaya. Discussion topics included the Christian in Politics, the Basis of Christian Social Ethics, the Role of the Christian in His Daily Occupation, and the Worshipping Community.

—The Ewha Women's University in Seoul, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, is the largest Women's University in the world, with a student body of more than 8,500. Dr. Helen Kim, president for 22 years is retiring, with Dr. Okgill Kim, faculty member, elected as the new head. Ewha has seven colleges: liberal arts, medicine, law and political science, music, fine arts, education and pharmacy. A new Government Regulation requires all teachers and school administrators to resign at the age of sixty.

—One hundred and fifteen women, representing thirty-five Presbyterials of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were enrolled in 1961 at Women's Missionary Society Training Centres located in Belleville, Ontario, and Edmonton, Alberta. Problems facing the church in Canada and on the Overseas fields were discussed, and the conclusions reached at these sessions were dealt with in such a way that they could be used at a later date in local congregational groups. The Bible study leader at the two training centres was Miss Margaret Kennedy, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on the Bhil Field in India.

—Protestant bodies in Latin America now maintain two hundred and ninety-seven church-related hospitals and clinics, forty-seven church publishing plants, and two hundred and forty-four Bible schools and seminaries.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Prince George,* held a Special Meeting when Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. McCulloch, Vernon, visited their Group, and gave an interesting report of the *Northwest World Mission Conference,* which she attended at the *University of British Columbia.*

At the regular meeting of this Auxiliary, a Life Membership Certificate was presented by President, Mrs. Wm. Grainger, on behalf of the members, to Mrs. Ross Murdoch, in recognition of her work in her Auxiliary and its organization. Mrs. K. Luttrell, delegate from the Presbyterial, told of the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in *Edmonton,* whose theme was "Sharing in the Mission of the Church".

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — A large gathering of Chinese, and many friends from other *Victoria* congregations, met to honour Miss Gertrude Scott for her 35 years of service in the Chinese Church, *Victoria.* The Rev. P. Lee presided and the Rev. M. F. Leung, long-time Pastor of this Church, spoke in Chinese, commending the fine work of Miss Scott throughout the years. Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, President, brought greetings from *Victoria* Presbyterial, and also from Dr. D. A. Smith, of *Vancouver,* and warm tributes were given by Mrs. Lapointe, Mr. S. McCracken, Miss Grace Lee, the Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary, and W.M.S. Council. The Children's Groups of the Mission sang, and presented gifts, and a student graduate from distant parts brought messages, and a beautiful gift. In her reply, Miss Scott spoke feelingly of the great privilege she felt was her's in being with them all, and introduced Miss Dorothy Spring, who now takes over her work in the Chinese Church. The Chinese ladies served refreshments, and a Social Hour concluded this unique and memorable occasion.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, presided at the Thank-Offering of St. Paul's W.M.S. Auxiliary, when the Rev. E. Bragg was Guest Speaker; Mrs. Sentel and Mr. Lord were Soloists, accompanied by Miss M. Morrison; and Mrs. H. Lucking was in charge of the Devotional Period. Life Membership Certificates and Pins were presented to Mrs. I. Fishwick, and to Miss Helen Gray. Mrs. N. Robertson presented the thanks of the members, and the Rev. N. Robertson pronounced the benediction. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

The Rev. E. Bragg, who spent seven years in Mission Work in *British Guiana,* was Guest Speaker at a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* In his illustrated Address, "British Guiana Today", Mr. Bragg showed the development which had taken place in that country, and pointed out the difficulties with which the Church is having to contend since self-government has come there.

For their Christmas Meeting, this Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held a Dessert Luncheon in honour of Miss Ellen Douglas, former Hospital Visitor, and now Presbytery Deaconess; and of Mrs. George Mitchell, who has followed Miss Douglas as Hospital Visitor. Both Special Guests spoke briefly on their work, and gifts were received for Mrs. Mitchell to use in her Hospital visiting. Mrs. W. T. Fowler gave an excellent Christmas Devotional.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — "The Road to Bethlehem" was the theme of the Worship Service at the Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swift Current.* Mrs. John Hettel led the Service, and Mrs. I. R. McKee sang the Solo, "The Gift". The Secretaries' Reports showed an increase, both in members and contributions. Special guests were the Home Helpers, and Mrs. A. Shaw, of *Swift Current,* Home Helpers

Secretary of Moose Jaw Presbyterial, who installed the Officers for 1962. Baskets of Christmas cakes and cookies were packed and delivered to sick and shut-ins.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Hector Diebel, who has served as Treasurer of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Prebsyterian Church, *Allenford,* Ontario, for *forty* consecutive years, recently resigned from that Office, and has been succeeded by Mrs. W. Rowe.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Honorary Memberships were presented to Mrs. J. E. McCormick, and Mrs. Robert McKelvie, by Mrs. Duncan McMillan, on behalf of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor, Ontario,* at their recent Meeting.

Captain Wm. MacKenzie, of the Salvation Army, was Guest Speaker when the Ellen Douglas and the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* held their joint Meeting. Captain MacKenzie and his family served on the Mission Fields of *Brazil* for several years, and in his illustrated Address, with coloured slides, he showed something of the important work the combined Evangelical Churches are carrying on in *Brazil.*

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Duart,* celebrated a 70th Anniversary with the Rev. Trevor Lewis conducting the Worship Service, and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. G. L. Scherer, *Highgate,* describing her visit to the Mission Field of *Angola,* while visiting there recently with her daughter, Mrs. Murray MacInnes. Mrs. Donald McLaren read the Auxiliary History, and Mrs. J. D. Bannatyne, wife of a former minister at *Duart,* recalled interesting happenings of those earlier years. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Donald McInnis, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, and by Mrs. O. J. Powell, of *Ridgetown,* President of Chatham Presbyterial. A Candle-Light Service was conducted, and Mrs. Trevor Lewis gave the closing Prayer.

Two Life Membership Certificates were presented at a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Dresden* Presbyterian Church. Mrs. W. L. Newton, wife of the retiring Minister, was made a Life Member of the Western Division W.M.S., having been honoured in the same way by the Eastern Division W.M.S., while in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *New Brunswick.* Miss Martha Urquhart received her Life Membership as the joint gift of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Heather Club, of *Dresden* Presbyterian Church.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. G. Arnott, first President of the Laurel Mission Circle of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* cut the Birthday Cake at the 55th Anniversary Celebration. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. A. B. Ward, and Life Membership Pins to Mrs. George Kerr and Mrs. Charles MacKintosh — all Past Presidents of this Group. Mrs. George Myers spoke on the work of Unicef, and Mrs. George Morrow was Soloist. Mrs. MacDonald presided, and the Rev. N. D. MacDonald, D.D., conducted the Devotional Period.

Mrs. Ted Fergusson, Past President of the Rosalind Goforth Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of New Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, by President, Mrs. Wm. Greenwood, on behalf of the Auxiliary, at their regular meeting.

In memory of the late Rev. Beverly Ketchen, M.A., D.D., Minister Emeritus of McNab Street Church, *Hamilton,* an "In Memoriam" was given by Miss Grace Buttrum, at the joint Meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. of that Church. President, Miss Buttrum was assisted by Mrs. George McQueen and Mrs. D. G. Campbell. Mrs. Conrad Miller, on furlough from *Tokyo, Japan,* showed slides of her work there, and the Guest Soloist, Mrs. John Cruikshank, was accompanied by Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mrs. E. J. Morieson, Vice-President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Grimsby,* at a recent Meeting, told of the first Thanksgiving Service held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* in 1884. Life Membership Certificates were presented to Mrs. Andrew Smith, by Mrs. John Weedmark, on behalf of Mr. Smith, with the Pin given by the Grandchildren; and to Mrs. Lorne McMane, by Mrs. Charles Mason, with her daughter, Mrs. John Horrill, presenting the Pin.

The Mildred Soutar, and Mildred Gehman W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* heard Mrs. Conrad Miller from the Eastern Gospel Crusade, *Japan,* give an interesting account of her work in that land. Mrs. Arthur Hearn was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Robins.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *North Yarmouth,* had a very successful year, and at the Annual Meeting, Mrs. W. A. Kincaid, was re-elected to the Presidency. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Bruce Smith. The Rev. W. A. Kincaid, B.A., was Guest Speaker at this Meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Edith Patterson was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ripley,* when guests were present from *Ashfield* and *Tiverton* Presbyterian Churches, also St. Andrew's United and the Anglican

Churches, of *Ripley*. Miss Patterson was a Bible Teacher in *Lebanon,* and plans to return there shortly. The C.G.I.T. Group sang and a Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The Second Annual Niagara Presbyterial One-Day Conference was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Welland*. Workshops were conducted by Miss Irene Stringer, on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India;* slides of Amkut School were shown; Audio-Visual Aids were displayed and demonstrated; Christian Literature was on display. The Banquet, prepared by the ladies of the Church, was served by C.G.I.T. members. Conference Conveners were Mrs. H. Bailey, *Welland,* Mrs. E. Spencer, *Fort Erie;* and Mrs. M. Tubb, *St. Catharines.*

The MacDonald Circle Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of *North Pelham* Presbyterian Church, had their Prayer Partner, Miss Tamika Nakamura, as Guest Speaker. Now doing special missionary work in the Korean Church in *Japan,* Miss Nakamura told of her decision to become a Deaconess, and work among her own people.

A combined effort of all Missionary Groups of *North Pelham* Presbyterian Church, in connection with the approaching 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S., in 1964, was a Tea, where Mrs. Frank Gillespie gave a resumé of the work in each Mission Field. Special music was given by the Misses Pearl and Helen Haist. C.G.I.T. members, dressed in costumes of the different Mission Fields, mingled among the guests, and displayed articles from these lands. Mrs. F. S. Disber, the oldest W.M.S. member, cut the Anniversary Cake.

Looking toward the W.M.S. Centennial celebration, a Pot Luck Supper was held by the members and families of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Fort Erie*. A display of group emblems, Study materials, Projects, and Group participation in a short Programme, helped Groups and individuals to become better acquainted and informed.

A Pot Luck Supper Meeting was held by Niagara Presbyterial Executive, in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne*. This was a Presbyterial effort toward the Centennial Celebration.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* had C.G.I.T. members as Special Guests, when they featured a "Talent Table" whose proceeds will go toward the celebration in Montreal of the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S. in 1964.

Mrs. James Nelson, former President of the W.C.T.U., was the Thank-Offering Speaker at the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines.* Mrs. Nelson, a delegate to six World Conventions, spoke of the effect of Christianity as evidenced in various friends in many far-away lands. The

Explorers provided musical selections.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tillsonburg,* celebrated their 68th Anniversary at the regular morning Church Service. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions on Council Executive, was Guest Speaker.

President, Mrs. M. C. MacIntyre, presided at the Meeting of the St. Paul's Mission Circle of the Presbyterian Church, *Simcoe,* and Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. Winhold, was Guest Speaker. She told of the Annual W.M.S. Council Meeting in *Stratford,* and of Lady Ibiam's outstanding Address. She stressed the aim of the W.M.S. — "to unite the women, and girls, and children, in *prayer, service,* and *study,* for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ". Mrs. Alex Grant, and Miss Bertha McKnight, conducted the Devotional Period on the life of Eunice and Lois, Mother and Grandmother of Timothy.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Elmvale* Presbyterian Church held their Meeting at the Manse, President, Mrs. E. McClung, gave the Worship Service, and Devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. M. Reid, and Mrs. J. Smith. The Programme, in charge of Mrs. D. McGuire, was from the Study Book, "Christian Family Life in British Guiana". Others taking part were Mrs. Wm. Hill, Miss Elrick, and Mrs. F. Ritchie. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Fred Drysdale, and Mrs. Lorne Drysdale, by Mrs. Wm. Reid, on behalf of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Alex McAuley expressed the thanks of the members to the Retiring President, Mrs. E. McClung, for her faithful service as president for the past five years, and their warm good wishes as she now becomes President of *Barrie Presbyterial.* In replying, Mrs. McClung spoke of her appreciation of the loyal help given her during her five years in the Chair, and asked for the same support and co-operation for her successor, the new President, Mrs. D. McGuire.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — At the 60th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary St. Andrews Church, *West Huntingdon,* Mrs. David Fargey presided. Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, Belleville, Guest Speaker, spoke on the building of Ewart College, and compared Missionary work of 60 years ago, with that of today. While there are many changes, our aims and purposes are the same. The History of St. Andrews W.M.S. was given by Mrs. John Wallace. Mrs. Vernon Weir, Presbyterial President, brought greetings; Mrs. W. H. V. Walker from Synodical, Rev. K. J. Rooney from Presbytery. Mrs. Roy Deville and Mrs. George Wood sang a duet, and the Candle Lighting Ceremony was conducted by Mr. Rooney and Mrs. Wm. Shaw. Mrs. Fargey and Mrs. Lindsay Sills lighted the candles, representing the Past, Present, and Future. Following the Programme, refreshments were served, Mrs. W. Shaw cutting the Anniversary Cake.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. R. D. Fraser, President, welcomed members, visitors, and Presidents of local Auxiliaries, to the meeting of this Presbyterial, in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* and Mrs. A. Smith, *Inglewood,* led in Devotions. Mrs. J. Byers, *Waldemar,* reported a large bale of new clothing sent to the Indian Reserve; a letter from the Rev. J. Muchan told of the work in *British Guiana;* Mrs. C. I. Scott, Treasurer, reported an increase of funds over last year at this time. A letter was given to each Group Representative telling of the Projects planned for the 100th Anniversary Celebration in *Montreal* in 1964. The President closed the Meeting with a challenging message.

Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Immediate Past President of Council, was Guest Speaker at the Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* when guests were present from *Toronto, Caledon East, Claude, Dundalk, Erin, Grand Valley, Hillsburg, Horning's Mills, Markdale, Price's Corners, Priceville, South Luther, Waldemar* and *Orangeville.* Mrs. Norman Caswell, and Mrs. H. B. McInnes, led the Devotions, and Mrs. V. Bloom was Soloist. The President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser welcomed all present.

Burns Church, *Erin,* was the meeting place for the Teen-Agers of Orangeville Presbytery, with Glen Marshall, *Erin,* Chairman. Scripture was read by Bill Henry, *Orangeville;* Prayer by Rev. Caldwell, *Hillsburg.* Rev. Nute, *Orangeville* led a Sword Drill. *Erin* won the banner by one point over *Orangeville. Waldemar* was third. Rev. T. R. Maxwell, of *Erin,* spoke to the young people on "Does Your Life Have a Purpose?" The film "Miracle of Bethany" was shown. All enjoyed fellowship, and lunch. Young people were present from *Erin, Ospringe, Grand Valley, South Luther, Orangeville, Hillsburg, Waldemar, Dundalk,* and *Maple Valley.*

"A Family Night" in *South Eldon* Church was the way in which the W. M. S. Auxiliary of that Church observed 1961's effort toward the Anniversary Project now underway. The Rev. O. G. Lock, Rev. R. M. Gellatly, and Mrs. Gellatly spoke briefly, and, after Supper, a short History of the Auxiliary was read, followed by a prayer of remembrance.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — At the Fall Rally in St. Andrew's Church, *Gordonville,* President, Mrs. E. S. McArthur, presided, and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, conducted the morning service of Worship. Prayers were offered by Mrs. C. Watson, *Holstein,* Mrs. J. Hustie, *Harriston,* Mrs. J. Firth, *Durham,* Mrs. R. Baird, *Rocky Saugeen,* Mrs. K. Schaefer, *Palmerston,* and Mrs. G. Calder, *Dromore.* Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. D. Dodge. Discussion groups were led by Mrs. G. B. Anderson, former President, Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn, past President of *Guelph* Presbyterial; Mrs. J. Marquis, *Meaford,* of the Girls Work Board of *Ontario*; and Miss Ruby Walker. *Moorfield* and *Arthur* Auxiliary led Devotions at the Afternoon Sessions. Mrs. C. M. Eadie brought greetings from Presbytery, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Eadie. Mrs. Tremaine of *Gordon,* sang. An invitation to hold the Annual Meeting in *Harriston* Presbyterian Church was accepted. Mrs. K. Schaefer told of the Semi-Annual Synodical, in Calvin Church, *Toronto.* Miss Ruby Walker told of her work as Regional Secretary, and the work being accomplished in down-town areas of the City.

At a meeting of *Durham* Afternoon Group of the W.M.S., Mrs. E. S. McArthur was presented with a Life Membership Certificate. She has been a W.M.S. member for twenty-eight years, serving in Executive capacity for twenty years. The President, Mrs. J. Alexander made the presentation, at the same time presented a membership pin, donated by her sister, Mrs. L. McNally. Tribute was paid to the late Mrs. S. M. Patterson for her untiring service at *Dromore,* and at *Durham,* in the Choir, Church School, W.M.S., and W.A. Home Helpers were guests at the meeting. Mrs. H. Renwick was guest speaker.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. E. H. Johnson was guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering meeting, St. Andrew's Auxiliary of the W.M.S. *Aurora.* Members of *Newmarket,* and *King* were present.

The Wallace W.M.S. Auxiliary of Cooke's Church, *Toronto,* observed its 75th Anniversary, when President, Mrs. Henry Rogers presided and the Rev. Wm. McRoberts conducted the Service of Worship, and conveyed greetings from the congregation. Mrs. James McCue offered the Dedicatory Prayer. Mr. Wm. Rae was soloist. Greetings were presented by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council; Mrs. Fred Black, Corresponding Secretary, Synodical; Mrs. Howard Hogg, President East Presbyterial, Mrs. Ernest Hunt, President Cook's Patterson W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Mrs. Julian Ritchie, President Cooke's Dickson Auxiliary. A Pageant "The Passing Years" was presented by members of the Wallace Auxiliary, and a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Ivan Scott by Mrs. Wm. McNeil, and Mrs. W. E. Brown. A time of fellowship followed, when Mrs. Wm. McNeil, 101 years of age, the oldest living member, cut the Birthday Cake.

A World Mission Week-End took place in several Scarboro Churches, with Miss Bessie McMurchy speaking to Auxiliaries in St. James and Westview Churches; Miss Donna Wills spoke about Downtown Mission Work to groups in Westminster, Scarboro, and Clairlea Park Churches.

Representatives from nineteen neighbouring Societies attended the Thank-Offering Meeting of *Wexford, Scarboro,* Presbyterian Women. Mrs. Wm. Black, President, Mrs. Gordon MacDonald, and Mrs. J. C. Anderson gave readings on "Thanksgiving Through The Ages". Mrs. D. Sinclair sang. Guest Speaker, Miss Irene Stringer, told of her work in *India* and asked the women to pray for all Missionaries all over the world, in their work and witness for Christ.

The C.G.I.T. and the Explorers were special guests at the Pot Luck Supper of the Anna Cooper Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of *Willowdale* Presbyterian Church, when the C.G.I.T. members led the Worship Service, and the Explorers entertained with their singing. The film, "A Trip to Brazilia", was enjoyed. A Layette, donated by the Westminster W.A., and a Display of dolls, doll's clothing, knitted articles, costume jewellery, etc., made and donated by Mrs. I. M. Kemp's Sunday School Class, all were sent to the Supply Secretary of East Toronto Presbyterial.

Several of the Women's Groups of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* have formed themselves into one Organization, which is called "Presbyterian Women". Their Programme — Study, Worship, Service and Fellowship — will include every aspect of the work of the Church, Local, National, and Overseas. It is their hope to include all the women of their Church in this fellowship. Shut-in persons are included and will be encouraged to have a real part in the life and work of their Church. At the first Meeting of this Group, Mrs. Ken Monahan was elected President. Miss Margaret Near, Deaconess of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, was Guest Speaker, and Ruth Ma, a distinguished pianist, and a member of the Chinese Church, gave several piano selections.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions on the W.M.S. Council Executive, was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of the Mary Weatherall Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and conducted the Installation of Officers for 1962, when Mrs. W. A. Watson was re-elected to the Presidency, with Mrs. H. Talbot, Immediate Past President, and Mrs. A. D. Brown, First Vice-President.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The 75th Anniversary of the W.M.S.

Auxiliary of *Gravel Hill* and *Monkland* was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, *Gravel Hill,* when the Call to Worship was given by President, Mrs. Percy Marjerrison and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. James Stewart and Mrs. W. J. Cummings. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by the President. In the Historical Record given, the Minutes told of the Organization of this Auxiliary, on December 28, 1886, by a group of W.M.S. members who drove in cutters the twenty miles from *Cornwall,* to *Gravel Hill* to start this new Auxiliary on its road of Missionary service. Of the eight Charter Members, none is now living. Mrs. I. D. McIver, of *Maxville,* President of Glengarry Presbyterial, was Guest Speaker, and greetings were extended by the Rev. I. D. McIver, Moderator of Glengarry Presbytery; Mrs. Angus Bethune, District Vice-President, No. 4; and Mrs. Cameron McGregor, District Vice-President, No. 5. Mrs. Marjerrison thanked the Speakers, and a Social Hour followed the Meeting.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* Mrs. Denis H. Mahood installed the 1962 Executive, with Mrs. John Stewart returned as President. Reports showed a successful year in all Departments, and givings exceeded the $3000.00 objective. President, Mrs. John Stewart, presided.

At a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of MacVicar Presbyterian Church, *Outremont, Quebec,* President, Mrs. M. S. Roulston, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented an Honorary Membership to Miss Maud Thomson, in appreciation of her faithful service to her Auxiliary. Officers for 1962 were installed by the Rev. J. B. Inglis, M.A.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Meeting of St. Paul's Church Guild, Miss Irene Stringer, the Guest Speaker, gave an illustrated Address on her work in education among the Bhils, *India.* Programme Convener, Mrs. S. Mack, presided, and Mrs. R. J. Knapp was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. R. B. Williamson. Missionary Groups from all of Ottawa Presbyterial were present to hear Miss Stringer.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. J. A. Smith presided at the Missionary Programme presented at a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of L'Eglise des Cantons de l'Est, *Melbourne, Quebec,* when the Guest Speaker was the Rev. Joseph Ntyomono, of the *French Cameroons, West Africa,* who is at present assisting the Rev. Andre Poulain, at St. Luc Presbyterian Church, *Montreal.* Showing coloured slides, Mr. Ntyomono gave a vivid picture of his country and his people. Guests were present from *Richmond, Melbourne, Danville, Valcourt* and *Kingsbury.* Mrs. Reál Larochelle thanked the Speaker.

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"O the beauty, O the gladness
Of that Resurrection Day,
Which shall not, through endless ages,
Pass away!"
(Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834)

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“THE LIVING GOD”

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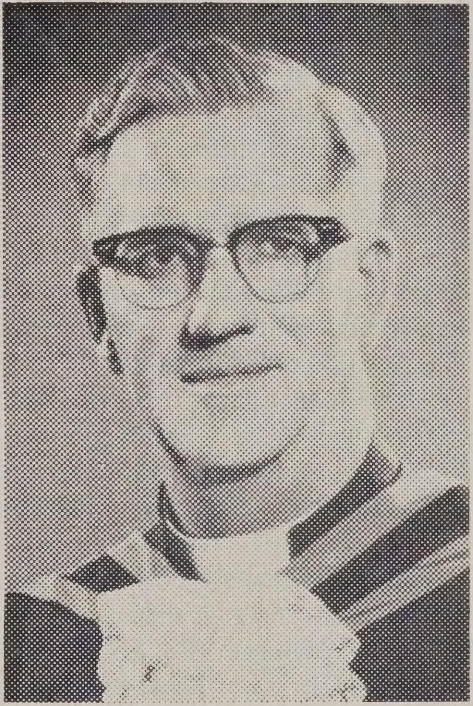

“IS GOD DEAD?”, asked Martin Luther’s wife of Martin one day. “Dead?” replied Martin, “God cannot die!” “Then why do you go about looking as if He were?”

Of course, God is not dead! He cannot die, or He would not be God. He is the living God, and by *living* we do not mean, merely, that He is capable of motion or action. Nor is He living in the sense only that He is a self-conscious Being, one who thinks and feels and wills. He is living, in the sense that He is Life, with a capital “L”, and is the source of *all* life. “He giveth to all — life and breath and all things.” “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.”

It is this Life which was manifest in Jesus. “As the Father hath life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself.” It is this life of which the New Testament speaks. Jesus called it eternal life, because it has in it a quality of everlastingness. It is indestructible. Even death cannot destroy it.

It is this life which God desires, and intends, that men should have, and it was to this end that Jesus Christ came into the world. To this end God Himself landed on this enemy-occupied territory — this world which God has made, but which has in it the seeds of its own destruction. It was to the end that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, that Jesus was "crucified, dead and buried." Here was God digging-in, consolidating His position, and grappling the world to Himself. As Paul has put it, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself". To this end He rose again from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus was more than an event. Nor was it merely a demonstration of Divine Power. It was more like an explosion, which released the energies of God's own Spirit, and made Christ available to all men everywhere. As the Roman centurion said to Procula, Pilate's wife, when she asked about Jesus, "Do you think He is dead?" "No, lady," he answered, "I don't." "Then where is He?" "Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop His truth."

The resurrection of Jesus means that now we can know God, in a way that men could not know Him before Jesus came, and died, and rose again. Now we can know God, as the disciples came to know Him, as a result of being in Jesus' company. We can know Him, to some extent, as Jesus himself knew Him, namely, as His Father in heaven. Before the coming of Jesus, men knew God as a Sovereign Lord, a righteous and merciful Supreme Being. But now we can know Him intimately, as our loving Father in heaven. So many still do not know Him in this way. For them He is still the God of Old Testament times. They are the people whom the two sparrows were one day discussing, as they looked from their roof-top perch. They watched human beings hurrying by with worried looks on their faces. One said to the other, "Why do they rush about and worry so?" And the other replied, "I think that it must be because they have no heavenly Father, such as cares for you and me." We can know Him as One in whom we can put explicit trust, One who cares, who has our best interests at heart, who loves us everlastingly.

There are those who feel we are living in a post-Christian period, when people are beyond the reach of the Gospel. They are no longer "haunted by the ultimate questions that lead to the Christian answer: — *God*". Mid-twentieth-century man is well-adjusted, "beautifully trained to a high level of mass consumption". He doesn't believe in God, or the moral order, the afterlife, or sin. Even when he goes to Church he is deep in doubt. But, this is the post-resurrection era; Christ is risen! He may be a stranger in our midst, trying to overtake men on the road of life and cast doubts into their minds, doubts about *their* doubts. He has sent forth His spirit to convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. The living God is at work through His Son, drawing men unto Him.

Even we Christians have our moments. Often, we are like the two who were on their way back to the little village, from the big city where terrible things had happened. They were disconsolate. They had hoped that Jesus would restore the nation of Israel to a place of power among the nations. But their hopes were shattered. We look out today upon the dislocations of a revolutionary world, and see few signs of hope. Rather, there are conflicts around the globe, tiny groups struggling to be separate and independent. We need to remember the words of the Master to the two unknown disciples, "Ought not Christ to have suffered . . . and to enter into His glory?". He is in His glory now. He is on the Throne. He is, even now, Lord of Lords and King of Kings. The decisive victory has been won. He has risen! This is the ground of our hope.

Or, we are like the disciples after the crucifixion, in dark corners afraid for their lives. Everything was gone. They had nothing to look forward to but emptiness and persecution. Then, suddenly, Jesus appeared among them and said, "Peace be unto you!" And they are no longer afraid. We may no longer fear persecution, but we are afraid of many other things. We fear death, disease, accident, insecurity. We are even afraid to be alone or to be quiet. Someone has said we are so tense that even a sermon does not put us to sleep any more!

A deep, indefinable, anxiety harasses us continually — sapping strength, destroying happiness, undermining health, eating away at our souls. But, just as Jesus came along the shore of the little lake long ago and revealed Himself to the disciples, so He comes along the road of life today, and reveals Himself in all His risen power, dispelling all our fears. Just as He appeared to men and women long ago, and bestowed upon them that peace which stands like a sentinel, warding off the enemies of the soul, so he gives us this same peace to keep our hearts and minds.

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EASTER!

"No sweeter tidings ever came
To hearts in direst need
Than this — that He, who died for men
Arose, and lives indeed!
Here seek your joys, and cling to them;
Lift up your voice and sing to them;
That all the world may ring with them;
And bless the Saviour's name!" (Esther D. Hooey.)

PRAYER

by MISS RUBY WALKER, Regional Secretary for Adult Work,

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Most merciful God and Father, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee, we come before Thee with thankful hearts. In humility and love, we give Thee thanks for Thy goodness to us — for provision for our material wants; for guidance and protection; for strength and courage to face the problems of life.

At this Easter season, we realize anew the greatness of the gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. We bless Thee for Him, for His life on earth, and His death and resurrection. May His resurrection revive in us the truth that He lives in the lives of His followers. Day by day, may we seek to be more worthy of His sacrifice. Fill our hearts with praise, and our lives with the beauty of Thy purpose, and give us a new vision of the work that we may do toward the extension of His kingdom.

Our Father, bless our Church, in all her undertakings. We thank Thee for our share in the great Mission committed to Thy Church, and for all that Thou hast enabled us to accomplish. Continue to bless the work in which our Society is engaged — the work with the aged and the lonely; the hungry and the homeless; the lost ones who know Thee not; and those who are pressed by the struggles of life. In all our work, help us to have only one purpose to know and to do Thy will.

We thank Thee for those who have heard Thy call, and have devoted themselves to Thy service — bands of workers throughout our land; those serving in the W.M.S. offices; and the Missionaries on the Field, at home and Overseas. Help them to know that in all their work for Thee, Thou wilt be their Guide; in all their difficulties, their Counsellor; in all their dangers, their Protector; in all their sorrows, their Peace and their Consolation.

This we pray, that Thy name may be glorified, Thy Kingdom come, and Thy will be done. In Jesus Name. Amen.

SETTING, AND IMPRESSIONS, OF THE DELHI ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

by MISS PATRICIA HANNA

Youth Delegate from Canada

SINCE THE CANADIAN delegates of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches have returned home, we have been asked to write articles, speak to groups, and serve on panels. I am sure that the others, like myself, have found it difficult to express in the course of a short talk, or article, the important thinking of three weeks of concentrated discussions and addresses. However we have all tried, and have stressed what we consider to be the highlights. This has meant that we usually have had to bypass less urgent impressions of our experiences. People have said that they wish there had been enough time to talk about the more ordinary aspects of our stay in India — our lodging, our impressions of Delhi and its people, our contacts with Indian Christians. Since there will be other Articles on the Third Assembly in this issue, I thought I would give some information about the general setting of the Assembly, and so enable people to envisage the background of accounts they may hear and read.

New Delhi, the capital of India, is a carefully laid-out city of some two and a half million inhabitants, with broad avenues, large buildings, and an imposing presidential palace, all planned by English architects, around 1925. In the heart of the city, around the Connaught Circle, one finds familiar airline offices, stores selling beautiful Indian goods, such as expensive gold-and-silk-embroidered silks, carved ivory and wood-ware, precious stones, and many other treasures beyond the price of the average Indian, and even of the average visitor. Lining one of the main streets, Janpath, are smaller shops selling less expensive examples of sari cloth, brass and woodware, where one sees Indian matrons bargaining successfully over the price of the foods, and also tourists, bargaining less successfully. One meets the occasional snake charmer, who, upon seeing a tourist, quickly sets his baskets down, pulls out his snakes, and tries to entice the foreigner to watch his performance. In the middle of the crowded streets is a confusion of bicycles, carts, "put-puts" (a small two or four-seater cab, driven by a motor scooter), and the regular taxis driven by bearded, turbaned Sikhs.

In this commercial centre, the majority of the delegates were lodged in modern hotels, less modern hotels, apartments, and other buildings. It was only as the delegates were able to snatch the odd fragment of time from the busy schedule of Assembly meetings, and penetrate further out into Old Delhi, lying beside the new city, that they saw the India they had expected to see. We Youth Delegates, who were living in tents seven miles away in the old city, had the opportunity, as our buses took us from our camp to the Assembly hall, of passing four times a day through the middle of the truly Indian part of the city. In addition to the vehicles mentioned before, here in Old Delhi there were carts drawn by men, wagons drawn by lumbering bullocks, herds of water buffalo being driven along in the midst of the traffic, and scores of sacred cows wending their way, oblivious of the obstacle they presented to the rest of the traffic.

People were everywhere. On some of the large expanses of dusty field that lay along our way, we saw classes being held in schools which had no buildings. Circles of children would sit around their teachers, while in the same field groups of men, and women, separated, were listening to someone expound we know not what. Next, row after row of open shops and stalls presented their wares to our curious eyes, and then they gave way to areas crowded with dilapidated shacks, where people live in great poverty. However, even these people were better off than others, because at least they had a roof of sorts over their heads, and they all seemed to own an Indian-style cot, as part of their meagre furnishings. There were hundreds of people who slept along the streets, covered only with a ragged blanket.

Every evening, when the sun went down, the temperature dropped from the pleasant 75° of the day-time to a penetratingly damp 40°. Then a haze could be seen over the entire city, as family after family lit small fires around which they huddled to keep warm, as they prepared or ate their scanty meal. We knew just how cold they were, better than most visitors in fact, because all of us at the youth camp were spending extremely disagreeable nights in our cold tents. I was not surprised to read in a newspaper, a week after I left India, that two hundred people had died in Delhi because of the cold. Since that time many more have died.

What contact did we have with the Indian people, you might ask, in view of our crowded programme, that began at 9:00 A.M. and finished at 8:15 P.M. seven days a week? Did the people of Delhi know we were there? I don't suppose the majority of them did know, unless they were government people, shop-keepers, taxi-drivers, hotel staff, travel agents, Christians, or the others who served us in some way, or benefitted from us. There was good coverage in the Indian newspapers, but many Indians can't read. Occasionally an Indian would see us walking around in the centre of New Delhi, wearing our delegate tags, and would ask us what they represented. The educated Indian would know of our presence through the newspapers, but the poverty-stricken people living in shacks, or in the open, probably never heard of the World Council of Churches, and if they did, wouldn't know what the name meant. And yet, there we were, proclaiming in this predominantly non-Christian country, that Jesus Christ is *The* Light of the World.

We did have the opportunity of meeting many Indian Christians who were attending the Assembly as delegates, or who came to the public meetings held in a large "shamiana", or tent, beside the assembly hall. In the youth camp we made friends with several young Indian pastors; a young Salvation Army girl in a white sari and red blouse; a young Baptist girl who taught in a girls' school in Lucknow; and many others from Africa and Asia as well.

On our first Sunday in the youth camp, we were all invited to English services at the Christian churches of Delhi. We were divided into groups representing as wide a variety of countries and denominations as possible. I attended St. Thomas Anglican Church, and found the service exactly the same as the Anglican service at home. Afterwards, each of us was invited to dinner by an Indian family. My family was Anglo-Indian, and during our afternoon together I learned of many of the problems of this group, which does not assimilate with the other Indians, and is not accepted by them, because of their Western ways.

One of my lasting memories comes from that same afternoon at the reception given the youth delegates by the Delhi Regional Christian Youth Council. Their reception was in the form of a garden party, followed by a dramatic programme put on by children and young people. The young people acted out the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, and the younger children the parable of the Sower. In the presentations, the voice was never used, but, instead, Indian music and classical dance movements expressed the meaning of the stories. I shall never forget the little girl in white who portrayed Christ with such simple yet expressive movements. Any performance I have seen in Canada seems childish and amateurish by comparison. This performance impressed upon me very vividly that the Indian Christians have so much of their own heritage that is beautiful and enriching, which they bring to their faith.

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YOUR PLACE!

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care!—
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care!
He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His,
He set you there.

John Oxenham

Easter Service of Worship

Arranged by MISS SHIRLEY V. SCOTT

President of Calgary Presbyterial, Alberta

Leader: "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" Mark 16:3

"How shall the stone be rolled away?"
Thus questioned they, the women three,
Who at dim dawn went forth to see
The sealed and closely guarded cell,
Where slept the Lord they loved so well.
First of all Easter sacrifice,
The linen and the burial spice,
They carried, as with anxious speech
They sadly questioned, each to each:
Still, as they near and nearer drew
The puzzle and the terror grew,
And none had word of cheer to say;
But lo, the stone was rolled away!"

(Susan Coolidge)

First Reader:-The Angel's Message:-"He is not here," the Angel said, "why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen! Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Remember how He spoke unto you, when He was yet in Galilee, saying; The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again? And the women remembered His words."

Then the Angel said, "Go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and they shall see Him in Galilee."

Second Reader:-With fear and great joy in their hearts the women hurried from the empty sepulchre, and as they ran JESUS MET THEM! He stood in their way and spoke, saying, "Hail; be not afraid". Overcome with awe and wonder, the women knelt before Him, held His feet, and worshipped Him.

Then said Jesus unto them, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me".

Leader:-In that short time at the break of dawn, experience had piled on experience! Sorrowing, these women had gone to the sepulchre to carry out a last act of love. They found an empty tomb! They heard the Angel's words, "He is alive! He is risen; go and tell". With joyous wonder and obedience, they left the scene of sorrow to proclaim the Triumph of their Lord. And now comes the greatest experience of all; Jesus, their risen Lord, meets them, talks to them. All the doubts and insecurity vanish, in the reality of His Presence. They knelt in worship, even as the shepherds knelt before Him at His birth. O sacred moment when the heart meets its Lord and Saviour!

Shall we silently read and medidate on His words found in the Gospel of John, Chapter 14: 9-21 and 23-29. (Worshippers should have Bibles ready.)

Leader closes the meditation with prayer:-

Dear God, my Lord and Saviour, open my heart to Thee today, as I read again the message of love and hope Thou hast left for us. Help me to love Thee, and to make room for Thee to come in and abide in my heart. Amen.

Hymn No. 219 — verses 1—3—4.

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead."

Leader:-Jesus' first two appearances were to women. Through woman, without the aid of man, came the Saviour, and now to women first came the glorious news of His Resurrection. Later, He appeared to many others. Have you re-read these events; preparing your heart to join in the glad Hosannas? There can be no doubt as to the reality of these appearances. See Acts 1:3. Later, twenty-seven years later, Jesus made a special appearance to Paul, as recorded in I Cor. 15:8. This meeting changed him and the whole course of his life, and he never ceased, while he had breath, to proclaim the Triumph of the Resurrection.

First Reader:-In the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 9:1-11, we are told of this meeting. Does it not leave you breathless? The impact of that meeting with the Living Christ was shattering. The man Saul, who started out from Damascus breathing threatenings and slaughter for any of those he found 'of this way', was led by the hand into Damascus, trembling, astonished, BLIND! For three days he was without sight, nor did he eat or drink! And when Ananias, who was told of the Lord to go and find this Saul of Tarsus in the house of Judas, in the street which is called Straight, saw him there, he was PRAYING!

Second Reader:-What made Paul so sure? He had met Jesus; face to face; had talked with Him, and had surrendered himself to the power of the Risen Christ. Christ was the one unquestioned reality of his life. Christ was his intimate actual Companion, and he "knew Him", as one knows his best friend. To Timothy, his bosom friend and co-worker, he wrote his final word, and it is full of triumph, and is one of the noblest passages of the Scriptures. It is the exultant cry of a dying conqueror. The grandest utterance of the grandest mortal man that ever lived. The battle-scarred old warrior of the Cross, looking back over thirty-five years of a long, hard, and bitter fight, cries out in exultation: "I have won"! Not long afterwards, the executioner's axe released Paul's soul from his worn and broken body, to be borne away by flights of angels to the bosom of his beloved Lord.

First Reader:-Since the day Christ led His little company to Bethany, blessed them, and was parted from them, men and women have received His Commission to "Go and teach", and have gone forth with His blessing, and in the knowledge of His power, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Church began with this little Company, it grew, as thousands of souls were added daily; it was scattered because of persecution, but from this time the great Missionary Movement started. The Church was on the move. Paul, the great missionary of the early church, went up and down the highways of the Roman Empire preaching and teaching with zeal and devotion unparalleled in history, crying out, Jesus *did* rise from the dead, it *is* true. He *is* risen.

The Church of Jesus Christ is alive today only because down through the years others have followed, proclaiming the truth of the Resurrection. We are surrounded with a great host of witnesses.

Is our Presbyterian Church on the march today? Do we see the despairing eyes, the reaching hands of the millions who do not know the Lord we love? Do we ever think about, or enter into, the labours of the pioneers of the prairies, Dr. Robertson and Dr. McQueen; Dr. Andrew Grant of the North, who opened the Atlin hospital; Dr. Johnathon Goforth, the first missionary appointed to China by our General Assembly; George Leslie Mackay of Formosa; the small band of women whose devotion to Christ brought them together to give assistance, and to help maintain the missionary work our Church had set its hand to do?
Question your own heart at this Easter time. Can you meet the Risen Christ and hear Him say, "I did all this for you; what will you do for Me?"

Leader:-Should Easter mean more to some than to others? Should the "effect" of the Resurrection be more intense in some than in others? No! We are not graded Christians! All Christians hear the Angel's words, "He is risen; go and tell", and many of us are filled with the glow of that announcement, but do not hurry forth in obedience. It is at the place of obedience and surrender that He meets us, and where our real selves fall before Him in wonder, adoration, and praise. The question, "Lord, what wouldst Thou have ME to do"?, He waits to hear, is left unsaid; our lips are silent. We accept from Him the gift of Life which frees us from the penalty of sin and death, but we withhold from Him the only thing we have to offer, ourselves. Perhaps our withholding is because we are afraid. Afraid that He will ask too much of us; or afraid that we might fail in what He asks of us, and so pride in Self takes over. We have not learned as Paul did, so quickly and so thoroughly, "I can do *all* things through Christ who strengthens me".

Let us give our hearts to Him in glad obedience, then we can know Him in His Risen Power and Glory this Easter.

Let us companion with Him in the way of our daily lives.

Let us pray and work with Him so that all shall come to know Him, that the Day of His Triumph may come soon.

Let us not be spectators on the side-lines, but partners and co-workers with Him in that great and glorious Day of the Lord.

Hymn No. 535 — verses 2-3-4-5-6

"The Saviour died, but rose again
Triumphant from the grave:
And pleads our cause at God's right hand,
Omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
From Jesus and His love,
Or break the sacred chain that binds
The earth to heaven above.

Let trouble rise and terrors frown,
And days of darkness fall;
Through Him all dangers we'll defy,
And more than conquer all.

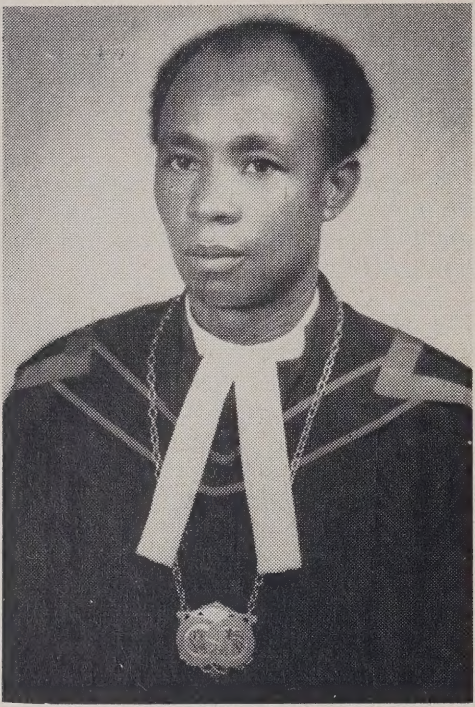
Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell,
Nor time's destroying sway
Can e'er efface us from His heart,
Or make His love decay.

Each future period that will bless
As it has blessed the past;
He loved us from the first of time,
He loves us to the last."
Amen.

Benediction — "The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13, vs. 20-21)

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Council will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th, inclusive. The Theme for the Meeting will be —"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". (John 15, verse 16.)



PASTOR EMÉ

A VISITOR, WELL-REMEMBERED!

The Rev. Nwachuka Emé was elected by the Synod as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria for 1962. This will be of great interest to all his friends in Canada, who knew Pastor Emé while he studied in Canada in 1958 and 1959. In this photograph, he is wearing the Moderator's Badge of Office, which was presented to the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, when he visited Nigeria last November. This Badge was given by the Town Council of Aberdeen, Scotland, in honour of the many famous Missionaries who came from Aberdeen to Nigeria. This interesting picture was sent to us by the Rev. Earle Roberts, of Nigeria, who is not only Pastor of a large Nigerian congregation, but also Editor or "The Presbyterian", the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

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APRIL!

"Sunlight chasing clouds away
With gentle winds upsweeping
And silver brooks that turn to lead,
And drop down leaping.

A boundless burst of sun again;
And hark! a jewel winging,
And, caged in golden wires of rain,
The bluebirds singing!"

Questions About The World Council of Churches

by (MRS. STUART B.) TEÇA COLES

(Mrs. Coles accompanied her husband to Delhi and writes from the viewpoint of a laywoman. The Rev. Stuart B. Coles, B.A., a member of the Board of Christian Education was a delegate to the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Delhi.)

THE NEW DELHI ASSEMBLY has sent out pulses of interest and concern to member churches, and to member Christians, there represented from all nations of the earth. Here are some of the questions which Canadians have asked me about it.

1. Do you think the choice of an Asian meeting place for the third assembly of the World Council was significant?

Amsterdam (the first assembly) meant a European setting. Evanston (the second assembly) meant a North American locale. Both of these were notable events. But both of them were also within the white man's part of the world. Christianity has suffered severe misunderstandings, because it is taken as a religion of the West, and of the white races. It became too casually equated with the customs and the interests of Europeans, more recently those of North Americans. But the fact is that Christianity came to us by mission from the East. It arose in the part of the globe which our history and geography books called Asia Minor. So, for the Church to hold a world meeting in an Asian setting was in a way a return to home ground.

Nevertheless, it was a venturesome choice. For it meant that the Christians were meeting in a continent, and in a context, where our faith has no cultural privileges, and where its adherents are a minute minority of the population. In India, after two hundred years of missionary effort from the West, not more than one person in fifty makes even a nominal profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

It seems, indeed, that one of the effects of our missionary work has been to stir up the ashes of the old religions of the East, to waken their devotees from slumber. The Muslims are enlisting converts in Africa ten times as fast as are the Christians. Buddhism has been prodded by the challenge of Christian evangelism to become evangelistic too, and Canadian communities, like Vancouver and Toronto, are now Buddhist mission fields. Buddhism too, is making a disturbingly effective "witness" on university campuses among our Western intellectuals. India is the birthplace of subtle and profound religions. Hinduism makes much of the theme of "Light" in the mysteries of the spirit. To go to the capital city of such a nation with the exclusive and emphatic proclamation, JESUS CHRIST the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, was therefore both a venturesome and a serious decision.

2. Is it your impression that the different churches, linked in the World Council, are moving closer to union?

In some ways, no! There was, of course, a great deal of talk in the Assembly speeches and reports about "the Church's unity". But I couldn't see much sign of the Anglicans, the Eastern Orthodox, the Pentecostals, the Presbyterians, actually giving in to one another. Each denomination, especially if it feels some measure of success or pride, seems intent on digging in, perpetuating itself as an organized religion. Any clear move toward unification, would be very disorganizing!

In other aspects, I would answer the question — yes! For one thing, I found it a deeply quickening experience to share in common worship with other Christians. When we worship together, even in spite of all that divides us, we are brought closer to God; and this inevitably means we are brought closer to one another. Because of the stubborn dividedness of the churches in their rules regarding the sacrament of the Lord's Table, the World Council, as such, does not hold an "inter-communion" communion service. But it asks one or more of the local churches to celebrate the Lord's Supper, in behalf of all the assembled traditions, and to invite all the denominations to be, pro tem, guests of God together.

At the Amsterdam assembly, the Lord's Supper was celebrated according to the Reformed (or Presbyterian) tradition. At Evanston, it was according to the Methodist, and the Church of South India, rites. At New Delhi the Anglicans and the Lutherans held "open communion" services for the World Council. To do this meant a "bending" of the customary regulations for these two churches. In this sense, there is some slow but vital growth toward unity — that unity which is in Christ's one sacrifice for us all, "by the blood of His cross".

Another sign of growth in unity — not necessarily organizational, but deeper — was the time given at Delhi to studying the Bible together. In all their differences, the churches are still held together in a powerful way by their sharing of the one Book. And when they study it together, to hear God's word together, it seems to me they cannot escape growing together in faith, in understanding, in obedience to the marching orders of their common Lord. In the new wording of its Basis, the World Council "is a fellowship of churches which, according to the scriptures, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling, to the glory of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

A long-overdue step in Christian unity was signified by the formal coming together of the W.C.C. and the International Missionary Council.

One of the deepest and strongest motivations for the unity of Christ's Church grows out of an increasing awareness on our part, as to His saving love and concern, His sense of mission, toward the whole world. This thrust, this constraint of the Gospel for our neighbors as well as ourselves, is the *ecumenical* movement.

This movement is not primarily a great high-level organizational consolidation. It has more to do with the behavior of Christian men and women in their daily work relationships, and with their attitudes toward the people living next door. This was emphasized in the New Delhi report on Unity. It revised a key paragraph from the "St. Andrew's Statement" of 1960, which I think does two things that are important. It ties in the meaning of Unity with the related tasks (and realities) of Christian Service and Christian Witness; and it brings it down out of the clouds to you and me "right around home". Here is a part of the report on the matter of making visible, of discerning the local applications of, the ecumenical movement:—

> "We believe that the unity which is both God's will and his gift to his Church is being made visible as all in each place who are baptized into Jesus Christ and confess him as Lord and Savior are brought by the Holy Spirit into one fully-committed fellowship, holding the one Apostolic faith, preaching the one Gospel, breaking the one bread, joining in common prayer, and having a corporate life reaching out in witness and service to all, and who at the same time are united with the whole Christian fellowship in all places and all ages, in such wise that ministry and members are accepted by all, and that all can act and speak together as occasion requires for the tasks to which God calls his people. It is for such unity that we believe we must pray and work."

3. In the Assembly's Work Book, there is only one item referring to women: "scholarships for." Does this mean that women played a minor role at New Delhi?

Yes, I would say they played much less than their needful role in the Assembly. To begin with, women were outnumbered by men, about ten to one, in the delegations appointed by the churches. Madeline Barot is the lone woman among the senior Executive Staff of the Council; she is Director of the Department on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family, and Society. In a panel of seven commentators on the question "Why Must We Speak?", one was a woman: Dr. Mary B. More, of the Church of Scotland. Lady Olayinka Ibiam read her husband's hard-hitting speech to the Assembly, because he was a day too late in arriving. Out of some sixty addresses on the Assembly agenda, only one was assigned to a woman. She was the extremely able Miss E. M. ("Mollie") Batten, Principal of William Temple College, Rugby, England. She shared with two men, Klaus von

Bismarck of Germany, and E. Varkey Matthew of India, in the major presentation on the Laity as the Church in the World. Miss Batten said in part:—

> "This may sound dangerous, but the Christian Church was and is a revolutionary movement. When it came into being, men and women found themselves, for the first time, equal members of a society, called into existence not for its own ends but for the purposes of God in the world . . . In our modern world it is easy for people to become isolated individuals in a mass society. We have to search our Bibles and Christian history again to see how to understand better the meaning of persons in community. We have to ponder how the Church and Churches, particularly in the localities, may break out from conventional preaching and piety into lively, meaningful dialogue and devotion — in worship and work. It may be that the Church in the twentieth century will have to grow by the coming into being of new local manifestations, on the basis of the structures and groupings (e.g. a factory, or an apartment block) of the modern world. If this is the work of God, the Holy Spirit in our day, it is for us to recognize it and try to follow His leading."

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SKY REFLECTIONS

by REV. E. H. JOHNSON, B.Sc., B.Th., D.D.
Overseas Secretary, General Board of Missions

(Note — It is the policy of our Boards to arrange for the visiting of all our overseas work at least once every two or three years. This frequent personal contact between the Secretaries and the workers on the spot, both missionary and national, has been invaluable in insights into the situation abroad that the Boards could not have gained apart from secretarial visits. The following are significant excerpts from Dr. Johnson's diary written during his recent visit to the Orient at the time of the World Council of Churches. Ed.)

Returning by jet plane from visiting our mission work in Asia, I finally had leisure to note some impressions. High in the sky, in the smooth peace of stratospheric flight, there was detachment and perspective for catching some highlights. The following paragraphs are excerpted from those sky reflections.

I. **View of the Bhil country.** In flight from Bombay to Indore.

"The Pakistani pilot invited me to the front cabin, and sat me in his seat, while he stood behind me with the flight chart, and pointed out places in which I was interested. On the one side I could see Barwani (location of Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Miss M. Kennedy and Miss P. Brown) and on the other the bridge across the Narbada River at Khalghat."

"From the plane, one could discern with clarity a geographic factor which deeply conditions the Bhil people. South of our area the land was lush and prosperous, and farther north, as we approached Indore, we again came over fine productive land. But the Bhil country itself was hill and jungle with poor farm land, an area into which the aboriginal peoples had been driven by more aggressive and better organized peoples, who occupied the fertile plains. This basic fact of history and geography lies behind the economic problems of the Bhil people, and is the particular reason for the Presbytery's concern about economic life."

(a) **Bhil villages.**

"South of the Narbada River, in two strenuous days, Mr. Fred Knox gave me an impressive look at some of the work in the villages. In Panchpulla, we sat one morning in a mud-floored open shelter while Nelson Gangji, the Indian worker, talked to a fine group of new Christians. This worker has made quite a hit with the people, and with the local Government

Improvement Office, by leadership in digging a well so that people can get water by walking a hundred yards, instead of a mile or more as formerly. The Government is giving him additional money, so that the well can be capped and made permanent. The people regard his good work as an evidence of the goodness of God. There is tremendous scope for this kind of evangelism with a practical concern for urgent economic needs."

(b) **Mission stations.**

"I had a brief opportunity to visit the Alvin McIntoshes in Alirajpur, Miss Sherrick, and Miss Scott, at the school in Amkhut, and Miss Hislop in her work among women centred at Mendha. These various stations were formerly a day's journey apart, by horse, but are now within less than an hour of each other, by jeep. This new situation raises questions as to whether we should attempt to staff them all, or should not rather concentrate missionary personnel in one or two strategic points.

(c) **Jobat policy discussions.**

"Focal point of my Bhil visit was a period in Jobat for extended meeting of Presbytery and Mission Council, for a thorough discussion of policy. In both meetings, the central question was how to move from the former pattern where you had a mission at the centre with which missionaries from abroad help. How can you move from a missionary-centred pattern to a Church-centred pattern of mission? In particular, how can a Christian group which across the years has been deeply dependent on Mission support, largely because of difficult economic and cultural factors, change to the place where it relies on itself in the strength of God?"

Search for a faith.

"At Indore, I had the privilege of lunching with a dozen leaders of the Malwa Church Council, with which the United Church of Canada works, and talking with them about the missionary task in India today. A professor at Indore Christian College, who had done graduate studies in Toronto, pointed out that many of the educated Hindus, and particularly the students, have departed from Hindu faith and are seeking for a faith which will make sense of present problems and questions. The whole group felt this was a moment in India when one might expect a major response to the Gospel, if the Church is able to proclaim it in its full relevance.

Prior to 1925, this area was one unit with the area of our Bhil Mission. At 1925 it was cut apart, for reasons of separation in Canada, and with little regard for factors of the welfare of the Church in India. One of the questions faced throughout this visit was whether the small area cut off for The Presbyterian Church in Canada is indeed a workable missionary unit. It is only in close association between our Vindhya and Satpura Church Council and the Malwa Church Council to the north that our work can be carried forward with strength.

II. Ludhiana — Great Christian medical centre.

Some of the most significant Christian workmanship in the world is done at the great interdenominational hospitals and medical colleges in India. It is the privilege of the WMS(WD) to supply some of the staff to these hospitals. Dr. Johnson took an opportunity to pay a flying visit to the hospital and college at Ludhiana, some 200 miles north and east of New Delhi.

"Dr. Melvin Casberg, the new director (of Ludhiana), a man of outstanding experience and gifts, insists that, if the job is to be done at all, it must be done well, according to the best medical standards in India today. One cannot over-estimate the importance to the work of the Church in India of putting out a strong flow of well-trained Christian doctors and nurses. At the same time we will need to face the fact that work of this necessary quality will require expenditures for both building and operation, far beyond those we are now making."

III. Jhansi Visit.

"Travel to and from Jhansi was difficult, because three-quarters of the passenger trains had been taken by the military for transport to the borders of Goa, and remaining trains were terribly overcrowded and badly off schedule. In spite of this I managed to have three good days visiting our Jhansi Field.

The Rev. Angus MacKay and his wife have recently returned to Jhansi, after a year spent in the oversight of the Hindi Language School, during the furlough of the Director, Dr. Caldwell Smith and his wife. Rev. Russell Self has been working widely throughout north India, and in other parts of India, in his capacity as Moderator of the North India Synod, and also in the evangelistic work he has been doing in relation to the Bible Society."

Looking ahead.

"An evening meeting with members of the Bundelkhund Presbytery explored ways by which our missionaries can receive direction of work from the Presbytery, rather than from Mission Council as formerly. While there were many questions, there also seemed to be a regrouping of strength for the tasks of this day, and there was a lively discussion of evangelism in Jhansi and the great surrounding area. Pastor Moti Lall, well known to many friends in Canada, continues to do a strong work in the great city of Gwalior, 60 miles north of Jhansi."

Girls' School.

Miss Magee, assisted by Miss Margaret Leask, and Miss Diana Wadsworth, concentrate their efforts on the work of the Helen Macdonald Memorial School for Girls. Work in the Jhansi area is slow, with a resistant Hinduism and strong Indian nationalism, but there are signs of progress, and the development of the Bundelkhund Presbytery is one point of hope.

Building a church.

On this visit to India it has come to me strongly that our Church must do all in its power to help strengthen the structure of the United Church of Northern India. In both our Bhil and Jhansi areas, we must see our work not as fields controlled by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, but rather as areas of the United Church of Northern India, in which we serve with Mission groups of other countries and other places in strengthening the outreach and upbuilding of Christ's Church.

IV. Formosa fragments.

Arriving in Taipei I was taken directly from my plane to a conference about Tam Kang School, and two days later was hurried to my departing flight, and from a conference about Taipei property. The two days between were spent in a multitude of assignments — several meetings in regard to our Taipei Missionary Residence Property, which we hope to sell in cooperation with the Synod Property Holding Body.

— a morning visit to the Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, to ask his intervention in regard to the seeming confiscation of the main buildings of our Tam Kang Middle School because of unclear property deeds during the Japanese and immediate post-war periods.

— a visit with Dr. Noordhoff, Superintendent of the Mackay Hospital, and a good look at the excellent new three-storey building, the first wing of what is planned as a three-winged building adequate for this time.

— valuable private talks with Rev. W. T. Hwang, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, and Rev. K. T. Tan, Vice-Moderator of the Church, and one of the influential leaders in the Northern Synod.

24 New Congregations.

Most interesting single event in Taipei was a morning service in what might be known as "high-potential charge." This was a store-front church, with a lively market being carried on outside the open doors of the church, with peasants selling eggs and vegetables and other goods brought in from the country. The congregation numbers 120 people, with a fine choir and excellent order of service prepared by Mr. L. M. Cheng, brother of Mr. L. K. Cheng, studying this year at Knox College. Just as my sermon began, a Chinese funeral procession started by the Church doors with loud music of many kinds but we managed to carry on, because of the strong voice of Mr.

L. T. Cheng who was translating for me. This vigorous congregation of able, educated, young people is one of 24 new congregations among Formosans which have come into being in 1961.

V. **Touchdown in Tokyo.**

In two busy days of conversations and conference, there were three items of major importance, — **first,** the drafting of a proposed statement of the relationship of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to the Korean Christian Church in Japan. While we have been working with that Church across the years, there has not been a statement of working relationships, even though it is an autonomous Church with a large measure of independence and initiative. — **Second,** was an agreement in regard to the difficult question of whether our missionaries should study Japanese or Korean first. — **Third,** was a very pleasant event — a dinner-gathering of our Canadian group which now numbers five people, the Talbots, the McIntoshs, who have just arrived, and Miss Tam Nakamura, also a newcomer. While it is still a very small group, and should be augmented by one more couple and one more single worker, it is a larger group than we have had for several years, and our dinner seemed an important occasion. The two days' visit provided a fine occasion for consultation with the leaders of the Korean Church, and for strengthening and directing our small mission team in plans for training and for participation in the life and mission of the Korean Church in Japan.

As I look back on these eight weeks of consultation and conference, I give thanks to God for the men and women from our Canadian Church who are serving with devotion and competence, amid the vast perplexities and insecurities of changing times. I give thanks, too, for the great company of men and women of other lands, whom He has called to be His people. In this time, we face many problems, but we also face opportunities more hopeful and exciting than any which our missions have known in the past.

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WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE?

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

IN MAY OF 1964, the members of the W.M.S. (W.D.) will hold a great "double anniversary" celebration in the city of Montreal. What do we celebrate? The CENTENARY of the first official missionary organization for Presbyterian women, *The Ladies' Auxiliary Association of Montreal* in 1864, and the GOLDEN JUBILEE of the formation of the *Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)* on May 15th, 1914, as a union of three great missionary societies.

The history of this missionary activity among Presbyterian women is a fascinating one. Who were these women who gathered in Montreal nearly 100 years ago? Their names — Mrs. Redpath, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Campbell, a dozen others — are almost forgotten in the fading pages of our Church's history books, where they look out at us from faded photographs, rather strange and remote, in their "Victorian" dresses and hair styles. Why did they decide, in an age when women were relatively restricted, by modern standards, to home and domestic interests, to organize themselves for missionary work and study? Surely for the same reasons that we women of the 1960's do so today — because they were challenged by the Christian responsibility to "preach the Gospel to every creature", those near at hand and those far away.

At first their imagination was caught by the French Mission work of the Church of Scotland. In the first dozen years the Ladies' Auxiliary Association assisted the missionaries of that Church, particularly in day-school work. After the union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada in 1875, the work of the women became more organized and diversified. They changed their name to the *Ladies' French Evangelization Society*. The following year they rented a house, hired a matron, and set up a programme which included a 'soup kitchen', Bible and religious instruction classes, making clothes for the needy, and girls' sewing classes. In 1882 their interests were further expanded when they became *The Montreal Woman's Missionary Society* (Home, French and Foreign). French work was carried on much as before, with stress on home visitation, and French Protestant Schools. Beyond their own city, these women began to send money and supplies to the Indians in the Northwest in the 1880's, and after 1900 several mission stations were supported in the western provinces.

But the horizons of the world mission were beckoning. In the earliest years, the Montreal group showed their interest chiefly through letter-writing to Presbyterian missionaries in the New Hebrides, Caribbean, and India. By 1885, boxes of supplies and money were being sent to India. In 1892 the first 'foreign missionary' was given full salary support — Dr. Lucinda Graham in Honan. Soon, the work expanded into support of missions and personnel in India, Macao, and South China.

In Ontario, the formal organization of missionary women came later, although there were small bands organized in the 1860's. But in the early winter of 1876 a modest ad appeared in the Toronto newspapers, calling a meeting of Presbyterian women interested in forming a society for foreign missions. A committee of ministers and interested women was formed to draft a constitution. At Knox Church, Toronto, 50 women were enrolled as charter members of the *Women's Foreign Missionary Society* in April of 1876. Support for two Canadian women missionaries in India, working under the American Presbyterian Board, was undertaken at once, and auxiliaries and mission bands were organized throughout central Ontario.

Overseas the Society soon undertook increasing support of workers, schools and medical work, in India, Formosa, and Honan. Work among Northwest Indians in Canada was also counted as 'foreign missions', and the W.F.M.S. supported educational, medical, and evangelistic work among Indians from Northern Ontario to B. C.

The third group in our Anniversary story had its real beginning in the fabulous Klondyke Trail of '98. As thousands of men poured into the Klondyke country, Dr. James Robertson, the "Great Superintendent" of western missions, issued a call to the Church for missionaries — a call heeded by many ministers. But the women heard the call, too. In March of 1898 a meeting of women in St. Andrew's King Street, Toronto, set up a small committee to co-operate with the Church's Home Mission Committee in sending trained Christian nurses to the Klondyke. In response to a special appeal from Dr. Pringle in Atlin, British Columbia, the *Atlin Nurse Committee* was organized in 1899, and two nurses were sent out. It soon became apparent that there were urgent needs for mission work in other areas of the Klondyke, and of the whole Northwest, as new settlers poured in during the early 1900's. Under the leadership of the Home Mission Committee and the Presbytery of Toronto, the Atlin Nurse Committee became the *Women's Home Missionary Society,* which was officially recognized by the General Assembly in 1903.

Adopting the motto "Canada for Christ", the new society worked hard in nursing and hospital work, and in fund-raising for Home Missions generally. It is interesting to note that in the early days some *men* were members of auxiliaries identified with the W.H.M.S. Subcommittees were set up in Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, and Vancouver. By 1914 the Society supported 7 hospitals, 11 mission fields, 7 school homes, 8 deaconesses, workers in the Jewish and Stranger Departments, and work among immigrant groups.

By 1910 it seemed obvious to the Church as a whole that the three Missionary Societies were overlapping in organization, membership, and fields of work. After much discussion in the three groups, and in General Assembly, a union was agreed upon. In Knox Church, Toronto, on May 15th, 1914, the three societies were formally constituted as one new society — The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Western Division.

As representatives of the three groups of missionary women rose that day in May, nearly 50 years ago, to sing the 89th Psalm, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever: with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations", the thoughts of many must have gone back across the years — to lonely nursing outposts in the Klondyke; to mission compounds in Asia; to the group who had met in the same church in 1876 to form the W.F.M.S.; to the French Protestant mission in Montreal of 50 years before. In May of 1964, we, too, shall remember and honour these women, their faith and their accomplishments. Perhaps we too shall sing on that occasion from Psalm 89, in thanksgiving to God for "Thy faithfulness in the congregation of the saints."

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ADVENTURING WITH GOD

Lord of life and death,
We thank Thee for the great adventure of life,
With its untold possibilities,
Its incalculable chances,
Its mighty opportunities.
We thank Thee that — if we have Thee with us —
There is no monotony or weariness in the world:
We thank Thee that, for those who dwell with Thee,
Each day opens new a continent of vivid experience;
For Thy love is new every morning,
And life with Thee is daily born again from its beginning.

—Author Unknown

OUR WORK WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

by DOROTHY McCOMBIE

SENIOR CITIZENS! What pictures are conjured up in your mind by these words? To many people they mean different things. We have the idea that our senior citizens are "old" people and along with the idea of "old" go all the modern concepts of being decrepit, senile, of being no longer useful to society, and just a general "being in the way". The senior citizens of today do not always fit into this mould which past years have cast for them. Certainly they are "old" as far as years and experience go, but often they are much younger at heart, and they have a young outlook on life.

Is our society aware of the plight of many of our senior citizens? In this day when automation is taking-over, and man finds himself being replaced by machines, many men are retired at the age of sixty-five, and some times even younger. These men have been comparatively active and now find they have many leisure hours. Women, too, who have had the responsibility of family and home, suddenly find they are living in one room, with little of their former responsibility. These men and women are often lonely, and without any close friendship. Granted some of them have Christian families and friends who will look after their needs, both socially and spiritually, but it is the people who have no such companionship, the lonely person lost in the masses, whom we must contact and welcome into our fellowship.

Our city and government are doing much to alleviate the problems faced by our senior citizens — old age security, subsidized housing, and city-wide clubs, are provided. Clubs have been formed, mainly to meet the social needs of these people. Time is spent in playing cards, crafts, sing-songs, and often in activities such as making cancer-dressings. What is our Church doing? Unfortunately, our senior citizen clubs fall into the same category as the civic clubs. Every week we have a gathering of between forty and forty-five senior citizens. Once a month we have a luncheon, and during the year some highlights include a picnic, a Christmas dinner, and an anniversary luncheon. Some of these senior citizens do not feel a spiritual need in their lives. Week by week they gather in the House of God, and leave without having been brought into His Presence.

What is the answer? Can we, the Christian Church, honestly say that we are fulfilling a need in the lives of these people? Christ has something to say to our senior citizens, and it is our duty to speak to them in His Name. We must provide for their material and social needs, but we must not forget that many of them have a deep spiritual need, a need for Christ! They are lonely, and often just need somebody to talk to, somebody with a good listening ear. We must show them that Christ is all of these and more! Our senior citizens need to be brought into a closer relationship with their God. We must show them our friendship, and it must be a true, genuine, friendship. We must have a concern for them, a real concern and an interest in them, as individuals for whom Christ died.

We think these people have reached their last days or 'twilight years', so therefore are in a close relationship with their Maker. We are under the impression that they are walking closely with God, because they are so much older, and have had a vaster experience than we. This is not always true. Their lives are often empty and void, because they do not know Christ, and do not walk closely with Him day by day. No one more than the senior citizen is in need of salvation.

Our welfare agencies can handle the social aspect of looking after our senior citizens. The Church must go one step further. The Word of God needs to be made relevant to these people. The way must be opened to bring the Word to them through discussion, but, above all, through Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship. We have a golden opportunity to reach the aged through our Churches, especially Churches where senior citizens clubs are now in existence. However, when a precedent has been set, it takes a while to build up a relationship in order to change the programme, and this is the difficulty we face at present. But perhaps we could branch out from these clubs, start with the nucleus and with much prayer enter into this phase of our teaching. The Christian Church must show our senior citizens the love of Christ and lead them to accept their age with dignity and grace, to show them and our society that they are still useful, and that many of them have fruitful years of service left to their community, their Church and their God. There must be areas within our Church where the services of the aged can be used, perhaps in small office jobs, stuffing envelopes, folding letters, or playing the piano in the Church School.

The problem of aging is one we shall all face one day, and today the outlook we have towards our senior citizens is vital. We are setting the standard for future years. Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" and also "Go and teach all nations — and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world". This then is our task.

COMINGS AND GOINGS!

MISS FLORA WHITEFORD, who has been serving under the National Department in Downtown Mission Work in the City of Toronto, is at present on her study furlough in Scotland. Miss Whiteford is auditing courses at New College, Edinburgh, as well as participating in the City Mission work of the Church of Scotland.

MISS ATHALIE READ, formerly Presbytery Deaconess for Hamilton Presbytery, is taking her study furlough at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Following her furlough, Miss Read will take up work under the Overseas Department of our Society. Miss Read has given nineteen years of faithful service in various areas of our National work. Our prayers and best wishes go with her as she enters a new phase in her Christian service.

MISS MARGARET NEAR, of our Chinese staff in Toronto, is on leave of absence the first six months of 1962. She is attending San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, where she expects to complete work on her Master of Religious Education degree.

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TAKE TIME!

Take time to work — it is the price
of success;
Take time to think — it is the
source of power;
Take time to play — it is the secret
of perpetual youth;
Take time to read — it is the foundation of wisdom;
Take time to worship — it is the
highway to reverence;
Take time to be friendly — it is the
road to happiness;
Take time to dream — it is hitching
our wagon to a star;
Take time to love and be loved —
it is the privilege of the gods.

—Anonymous

STUDY: — HOW DO WE STUDY?

by (MRS. WM.) RHODA GEGGIE

IN CONSIDERING this subject of "Study" we have looked at some of the reasons "Why We Study" and we have given some thought to "What We Study" but we come now to the third step — and perhaps the most important one — "How We Study".

No matter how much we agree that study is a vital and necessary part of our Church life, and no matter how excellent are the materials available, if we do not carefully consider *How We Study,* it might be as well to leave the study packet unopened. We are creatures of habit. We like our comfortable ruts. We like the known way. But if we are to be constantly reaching out for newer and younger members — as we must if we are to continue to grow — we must also seek newer and more sparkling ways of presenting our programmes. We are living in an age of superlatives. The Public Relations people have made us conscious of such words as spectacular, stupendous, colossal, and gigantic. Nothing is just "good" or "ordinary" any more.

Perhaps, as Church Women, it is time for us to widen our horizons — to broaden our thinking — and to apply a little showmanship and a few attention-getting ideas to our study programme. Unsalted food is pretty flat and unappetizing. Just so is a study programme without enthusiasm and without imagination. First of all, we need to plan well ahead. Plan your programme for the whole year if possible. Then we need to be ever on the lookout for the new and the unusual. Then, so that our meetings are up-to-the-minute, we need to watch newspapers and magazines for news items, and articles, about the country being studied.

We have five senses and it is good to keep these in mind, to see to hear, to taste, to smell, to feel. Wonderful, indeed, would be the programme that would appeal to them all. Set the stage for your meeting. Decorate the table with objects native to your mission study. Special records of distinctive music are available; incense, perfumes, certain flowers; all these help to set the mood. Costumes always add interest and these may be improvised with a bit of ingenuity. And then, of course, special foods for refreshments are always greeted enthusiastically. We learn from *hearing;* we learn from *seeing;* we learn most from *doing!*

We learn from hearing our returned Missionaries speak to us. We learn from listening to our own members presenting the study book material: sometimes in skit form, sometimes as a quiz programme, sometimes as a radio interview. We learn from seeing film strips and slides, and these are available from the Audio-Visual Department of our Church. Have you seen one of our latest film strips "Guiana Tempo"? We learn from seeing native handicrafts: embroidery, jewellery, pottery, and dolls. We learn from seeing paintings, scrolls, objects of art and articles of clothing. And we learn from doing. For it is in personal participation that we derive the greatest pleasure and gain the greatest knowledge. No matter how small a part we play in any meeting, we will remember that one most clearly in which we had something to do.

How do we study? There is no easy or quick solution to an interesting Missionary Study Programme. It takes time and effort, imagination and enthusiasm, and a good deal of perseverence. Our talents are God's gift to us, the use we make of them is our gift to God. Regardless of the time, effort, and talent, a programme may take, is anything less than our best good enough for Him?

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Hudson's Bay Company Scholarship

This scholarship, to be administered by the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada, is open to an outstanding student of Indian or Eskimo background, to enable him or her to attend University for up to four years. It will have an annual value of *up to* $2,500.00, in accordance with need; in addition the Hudson's Bay Company is willing to provide the scholar with employment during each summer vacation.

Senior Matriculation students of Indian or Eskimo background, whether or not they have recognized status as members of Canada's native peoples, are eligible to apply, irrespective of their location in Canada, their religion or their sex. The choice of scholar is to be based on scholastic ability, financial need, character, and adaptability. Applicants for the Scholarship will be asked to complete an application form and to secure the completion of a Confidential Assessment Form by their school Principal. These completed papers must be returned to the Association not later than May 15th, 1962. The Selection Committee will announce the name of any successful applicant after the Senior Matriculation results become known. The successful candidate will be expected to undergo a medical examination for University entrance. Application forms and further information about this Scholarship may be obtained from — The Executive Director, The Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada, 47 Dundonald St., Toronto 5, Ontario.

COME WITH ME TO PALESTINE

by MARGARET KENNEDY

THERE IS A SMALL, GREEN, door leading into a garden, in Jerusalem, on which are printed these words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." We went through that door our first morning in Palestine, and so entered into the quiet beauty that enshrines the tomb wherein it is believed the body of our Lord Jesus was laid. Here were trees, flowers, green grass, a few little paths, a rock garden, and down the steps, a rock threshold before the tomb itself.

It is impossible to put into words the thoughts and emotions that come to one at such a time, but I think, most of all, I was filled with a great wonder. God the Creator, Sustainer, the Almighty, He it was, incarnate in Jesus Christ, who walked here, talked as men talk, then in the last great humility of death, was carried by loving hands into the garden. I could picture Mary Magdalene coming through these trees with a heart agonized with grief, and to her was revealed the amazing fact that the Master of Life had overcome Death.

Leaving the Garden Tomb, we entered into the old city of Jerusalem through the Damascus Gate, and here sure enough were the old narrow streets, the partly-roofed-over alleys. Seventeen times has this city been demolished, yet here it was, still dominating the Judean hills. We walked down the Via Dolorosa to the big mosque which was built first by the Moslems in 637 A.D. on the site of the old Jewish Temple. We went inside to see the most interesting thing in the place. This was the huge bare rock, sticking up through the floor, around which the building had been erected, a spot regarded as sacred for centuries by Jews, Christians, and Moslems. This was the top of Mount Moriah, where Abraham came to offer up his son; where David made an offering; where Solomon built the temple.

We went to see the Pool of Bethesda. It was interesting to think that here, nearly 2,000 years ago, an ordinary kind of fellow was healed of paralysis, was given a new start in life, and now the simple account of this is written in the entrance porch in 135 languages!

Leaving the East Walls of Jerusalem, we went over the brook Kidron to the foot of the Mount of Olives, and into the Garden of Gethsemane. How many times our Lord must have looked on the view from here! Jerusalem surmounting the hill opposite, the slopes covered with gravestones to the left, and the Mount of Olives rising at the back. We saw this scene again, and in more detail, as we went over the Mount of Olives on the way to Bethpage and Bethany.

Bethlehem was like any other eastern town, set on a hill, but lower on the slopes is a cluster of homes called "Shepherds' Town" and below this we saw the Fields of Boaz. In the town is the Church of the Nativity, built above a cave-like grotto. And so the combination of shepherds, a descendant of Ruth and Boaz, and a stable has made Bethlehem a far from ordinary place. The Church, itself, is a maze of a place divided between the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian, and the Coptic churches. The entrance to the whole Church is a narrow low doorway, through which one must pass, bowing in reverence.

One day we drove down the Jericho road, past the Good Samaritan Inn (where we were given tea by Arab Legionaires), left the smooth, macadamized highway, and took to the old Roman road. Now we did get into wild stony regions! We climbed up from the side of the road at one spot, to look down into a narrow gash some 700 ft. deep, and saw the brook Cherith where Elijah drank. About here we began to feel comfortably warm after, to us, the coldness of Jerusalem. There we had been 3,000 ft. up, and now we were approaching the 1,300 ft. below sea level of the Dead Sea.

For a long way, we could look back and see the Mount of Olives towering higher and higher behind us, and I knew I would never think casually again of those journeys from Jericho to Jerusalem — long, hard, and hot, treks they must have been. We asked if we could go on to Nazareth in Galilee that same day. There we walked on the hills, gathered flowers and pressed them; we saw where the Crusaders had built a church above the old Synagogue; we came down through the narrow old streets, passed by the Virgin's well, and I never shall forget it all. There is no synagogue in Nazareth now, but there are 30 churches (mostly Greek Orthodox) and there is the Edinburgh Medical Mission Hospital, where we were delighted to find charming Laura Larmour, R.N., from Knox Church, Toronto.

Our first morning in Tiberias, I got up at 5:30 to watch the sun rise over the Sea of Galilee. It was a moving experience, to look off to the North-West of the Lake where Capernaum had been, then read of all the things Jesus said and did in the place. There were the hills to which He retired to pray, where He must have thought of all those whom He loved and wished to give eternal Life, but most did not understand. There was the shore where He walked, and was that the ledge across the lake where He fed the 5,000?

We attended a service in the

Scottish Church in Tiberias. The message was from John 6, Jesus in Capernaum — just up the lake! How very real it all seemed, and what a new significance the whole Bible takes on, when one is privileged to see the place where the drama of God's revelation of Himself was unfolded down through the centuries, culminating in His own coming.

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THE NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR TEEN-AGE WORK

MISS TETLEY

Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E., has been appointed to the office of National Secretary for Teenage Work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The announcement has been made by the Board of Christian Education and the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. Miss Tetley succeeds Miss Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., who resigned in the summer of 1959.

Born and educated in Montreal, Miss Tetley is a graduate of the Notre Dame Secretarial School, and Sir George Williams College. Post-graduate studies took her to The Biblical Seminary in New York, where she graduated with the degree of Master of Religious Education.

From 1951-59 Miss Tetley served as a Missionary in the Sudan, Africa, for the United Presbyterian Church in North America and the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. While in the Sudan she was engaged in educational work with women and girls and in the preparation of books for literacy work. Miss Tetley has taken Leadership Training Courses, since her return from Africa, at The Biblical Seminary in New York, and at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Since 1959, she has been the Director of Christian Education at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Owen Sound.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

ENTER INTO LIFE By William Fitch, B.D., Ph.D.

IT WILL BE of special interest to our readers, to know that Dr. Fitch, the author of "Enter Into Life" is the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto — the Church in which the Annual Council Meeting of our Society will be held early in May. Dr. Fitch is a Scotsman, and before coming to Canada, he was Pastor of the congregation of Springburn Hill, one of the largest parishes in Glasgow, Scotland. His voice is familiar to many through the Radio Programme "Faith For The Day", and his messages through his Programme have brought strength and courage to many listeners. This is true also of the books he has written.

This, one of his latest books, consists of six chapters, and these are the messages given from his pulpit, in a special series of sermons whose objective was the presentation of the great fundamentals of the Christian gospel — "one message in six parts, each one vital and integral to a full understanding and appreciation of the true Christian life!" Of his book Dr. Fitch says, "This is a missionary project through literature evangelism. With the money received from sales, further copies will be made available to missionaries in the fields, and to training schools. An edition for India has already been planned, and other possibilities are editions for British Guiana, and also in Spanish for Latin America. In planning this extension of our missionary ministry we have only one desire — to glorify God, and to make the gospel of Christ known." Chapters deal with "Sin — The Destroyer of Life; Salvation — the Promise of Eternal Life; Repentance and Faith — Entrance Into Life; Regeneration — The New Life; The Means of Grace — Disciplines of the Christian Life; The Second Advent — The Crown of Life." Price — $1.25 — paper-bound.

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS By William Fitch, B.D., Ph.D.

This is another of Dr. Fitch's excellent books, and particularly good reading at Easter-time. In this the eight Beatitudes are expounded, and their meaning clarified, as applied to the Christian of today. These words, taken from Chapter One, will illustrate the character and value of this book — "The Beatitudes are our Lord's portrait of the Christian man. They declare the foundations on which His kingdom is built. They clearly show that obedience to these sayings will involve any man in tremendous spiritual upheaval. They are at once a call to, and a test of, vital Christian discipleship. Indeed it may be said without exaggeration that the marks of the Christian disciple are more vividly portrayed here than anywhere else." Price — $3.00.

JESUS OF ISRAEL — by Marchette Chute
THE DAY CHRIST DIED — by Jim Bishop
THE BIG FISHERMAN — Lloyd C. Douglas

These are three most interesting books, well-written, and each one outstandingly worth-while in its own way. They are just right for Easter gifts and for Easter reading, and, if you have not already read them, I hope that you will do so at the earliest opportunity. The first one, "Jesus of Israel", by Marchette Chute, is a newer book than either of the others, and its Author has already published two successful books. "The Search for God", and "Shakespeare of London". This latest book is a deeply moving and reverent account of Christ and His earthly mission, and it is based entirely on contemporary evidence. Very thought-arousing and beautifully done — Price $3.50.

"The Day Christ Died", by Jim Bishop, is almost a classic in factual writing, done with such compelling force that almost one feels as if they too, had walked that lonely road, shared that tragic hour of Christ's death, and experienced all the events preceding it. "The most dramatic day in the history of the world", it has been called, and in this book that day starts at 6 P.M., the beginning of the Hebrew Day, when Christ and His disciples came to the Last Supper together, and it ends at 4 P.M. the following day, when the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb. Because of that eventful day, seemingly so filled with sorrow, the whole history of the world was to be changed and Life Everlasting to be attained. Wonderful reading — Price $3.95.

"The Big Fisherman", by Lloyd C. Douglas, is as you know, the story of the Apostle Peter, with all his deep devotion to his Master, his moment of denial, and his all-encompassing love for Jesus, which surmounted all the difficulties and setbacks of those three years of close fellowship, and triumphed even over the tragedy of the Cross. Written with all the literary skill and Biblical insight of this gifted writer, this is indeed a book to value. First Reprint Edition — $2.49.

ESPECIALLY NICE FOR EASTER GIVING

IT IS A PLEASURE to tell you about the lovely small booklets, splendidly written, and beautifully illustrated in full colour, yet costing only fifteen and twenty cents apiece, which are to be found in our Publications Department, just waiting to be sent out as small gifts at Easter-tide! These — any one of them — can give so much lasting enjoyment, worth-while information, real guidance and inspiration, that they are certainly of much greater value than the usual Easter card, or the average small gift. And there are so many places where they would be so warmly welcomed and appreciated — for the shut-in, or the Senior Citizen; for those in Hospitals; Nursing Homes and Residences — just the right size for a bedside table, or a pocket! Fine, too, for the little remembrance at Easter from a Sunday School teacher to her class; from Grandma to her beloved Little People; for small neighbours, or Older Folk who live nearby, or who love to find something unexpected in their mail — indeed, for *anyone* who appreciates good reading.

For the Wee Ones, at fifteen cents, there are four good little books — two of these are Fold'n Colour Card Books. "The Wise Men", and "The Baby Jesus", each with brightly-pictured covers, and a picture to colour within; the other two are well-illustrated 20-page My Picture Story Books — "Learning from Jesus", and "Living for Jesus". At 20 cents, there is a gaily-coloured little booklet of 29 handsomely-illustrated pages which any child would like, "A.B.C. Book About Jesus".

For older children, young people, and adults, there is a perfect treasury of finely-written and colourful small booklets, at the same low price of twenty cents. Most of these have a Presentation Page inside the front cover, so that the name of the donor and the recipient can be suitably transcribed, and the pictures are fine indeed — "Prayer Time; Words of Cheer; What the Bible Teaches About Prayer; Portals to Bible Study; and Bible Treasures". These seven are particularly nice to leave with Hospital patients, shut-ins, and Older Folk, and they are also twenty cents apiece — "Precious Promises; Garden of Cheer; Victorious Christian Living; Favorite Psalms; Prelude to Prayer; Cheer Along The Way; and Know The Books of the Bible". I don't know of a better investment for twenty cents — do you? Unless it be the amazing series of tiny folded cards — little miniatures of beauty and colour — which are perfect to carry in your purse to leave wherever you visit, as a momento of your call! These cost six cents each, and there are ten different ones in the series — "The Ten Commandments; The House of the Lord; A Bible Verse Alphabet; Favourite Bible Verses; Parables of Jesus; Words of Jesus; The Twelve Disciples; Favourite Psalms; Miracles Jesus Performed; Bible Promises." (L.M.C.)

Your Prayers are asked

—For all who participate in Easter Thank-Offering Meetings, that those who speak and those who hear may have a deeper awareness of the power of the Risen Lord.

—For all Christians that this Easter may bring to them renewed concern to share its message with all people everywhere.

—For the plans of the Joint Evangelistic Committee of the Vindyha-Satpura Presbytery of the United Church of Northern India and the Bhil Mission Council; pray that the hopes for increased training for pastors, evangelists, elders, laymen and laywomen may be fulfilled to the glory of God; pray that we in Canada will be faithful in our share of these plans.

—For the plans for the celebration of the centenary of Christian work in Formosa; pray that the Church may continue to be strengthened, particularly spiritually, and that all done in the centenary celebrations may be to the glory of God.

—For the National Missionaries throughout our Society, that the challenge of the Cross at this Easter season will give to them not only a new zeal to tell others, but will also inspire those with whom they serve to a deeper understanding of the Missionary task.

—For Mr. and Mrs. R. Denholm, as they serve at Winnipeg Fellowship House, as House Mother and Father, that this witness of love, and Christian witness to the young people will be rich and rewarding.

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EASTER VISION!

"See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose,
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows
Earth with heaven above rejoices
Fields and Gardens hail the Spring
Groves and woodland ring with
voices,
While the wild birds build and sing."

Charles Kingsley

Boys and Girls!

GIFTS AND GOODBYE

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"Boy, Tim! This is fun!"

"Sure is, Bill. I like making things."

"Hi, Aunt Mary!" called Bill.

"Hello, boys. My, aren't these flowers pretty! And you're making them all yourself!"

"Sure we are," laughed Tim. "And when they're finished we're going to give them away."

"Give them away?" exclaimed Aunt Mary.

"That's right," Tim went on. "You see, these are for the sick people who have to stay in the hospital a long time.

"We want to give them something pretty so they'll have a happy Easter," explained Bill. "We are going to take our gifts to them early Easter morning, and we'll sing Easter carols too. It'll be lots of fun! Do you think they'll be surprised, Aunt Mary?"

"I'm quite sure they will," answered Aunt Mary, "But tell me, how did you make the flowers?"

"They're easy, Aunt Mary," said Bill. "Last week when we came to C.O.C. and Explorers, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Martin were popping corn in the kitchen. We made the oil pink, by putting colouring in it. It was fun to watch the corn pop and when we took the lid off the popcorn was all pink."

"We brought dead twigs last week and we stuck the pink popcorn on the branches. Then we cut leaves from the green crepe paper and put them on too. And do you know what?" laughed Tim, "We ate all the popcorn that was left. Mmmm, was it ever good!"

"Today when we came," Bill went on, "we each brought small baby-food tins. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Thompson mixed plaster-of-paris with green tempera paint, poured it into our cans, and then we put one or two twigs in each one. Next week we are going to cover the outside of the cans with coloured crepe paper. Then we'll be finished. I think they'll look like real cherry blossoms."

"They sure will," answered Aunt Mary. "They are just as pretty as can be."

"Aunt Mary, are you going to tell

us a story today?" asked Tim.

"Since you showed me your flowers, it made me think of my friends in British Guiana, and I've been wondering what they are doing for Easter. Many of our girls and boys are in the Junior Choirs, just as you are. On Palm Sunday, they will be singing the hymn:—

"All glory laud and honour,
To Thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring."

"Do you know this hymn? If not, perhaps your leaders will teach it to you. When you sing it you can think of your friends in British Guiana. Girls and boys in British Guiana have holidays from school at Easter, just as you do in Canada. Do you know what they do then? They go to Daily Vacation Bible School. The children in British Guiana love Vacation Church School. They have lots of fun, and learn all sorts of things. They play games, learn songs and hear Bible stories.

"One day we were talking about the time so many people wanted to hear Jesus that he had to borrow a boat, and go a little way out in the water, before he could speak to them. (Luke 5:1-3) We thought we would like to play the story. There was a river near-by so we went over there. We found a boat, something like a row boat, which we borrowed. We played the story and had lots of fun. It was so real we almost thought we could hear Jesus talking to us.

"Another day, a group of girls and boys were learning about the land where Jesus lived, Palestine. They found a sandy spot and made a map of Palestine in the sand. Then they made little flags, put the names of towns and villages on them and placed the flags on the map. There are so many stories I would like to tell you, but I must go now. Thank you so much for letting me come to visit you. It has really been fun."

"We want to thank you for coming, Aunt Mary, and telling us about the girls and boys in British Guiana. It's been fun for us too. Write to us some time when you get back to British Guiana. Good-bye, Aunt Mary! Good-bye, and thank you again!"

To the Leaders — If you wish to make the cherry blossom trees you will need, popping corn with the stick of oil, red fruit colouring, dead twigs about eight or nine inches long, clear cement glue, green crepe paper, baby-food tins, plaster-of-paris and green tempera paint. Melt the oil in the pot and add the red food colouring, pop the corn. Glue the popcorn on the little branches. Cut leaves from the green crepe paper and glue them on the twigs. After the plaster-of-paris has been mixed with the tempera paint and water, pour into the baby-food cans. Place one or two twigs in the plaster-of-paris. To make it more attractive cover the cans with coloured crepe paper. Your children may enjoy giving the cherry blossom trees to people in the congregation *who cannot get out to church.*

Does your Church School close during the summer months? Perhaps you might look to the future, and think seriously of a Vacation Church School for children.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. J. Hogg
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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, President, Mrs. J. L. M. McLean, read excerpts from a letter received from Dr. E. H. Johnson regarding the meeting of the World Council of Churches in *New Delhi, India.* The Annual Reports showed both increases, and decreases, but in all of them there was evidence of faithful service on the part of Auxiliary members.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. Edward Bragg, of Central Church, *Vancouver,* was Guest Speaker at the meeting of the Margaret Creelman W.M.S. Group, of West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* His interesting address on *British Guiana,* where he had served as a Missionary, was illustrated with many fine pictures. Following this, "Guiana Tempo", the latest film on *British Guiana,* was shown. This describes that country as it is today, and forms a good basis for the introduction to the 1962 Mission Study.

At the Annual Meeting, and Luncheon, of Robertson W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Vancouver,* a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Mona Fulton, by President, Mrs. S. Ferguson, on behalf of the Auxiliary, and in appreciation of her work as Leader of Music and Programme Planning. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch installed the Officers for 1962.

The Annual Meeting of Westminster Presbyterial, heard Dr. William Black, of the Citizen and Immigration Department of the Government, speak on the Church's responsibility in this field. Outlining the work of his Department, he stressed that "unity, not uniformity", is the main aim in dealing with the stranger in our midst. Reports of the various Secretaries were received, and the Devotional Period was given by Miss Lillian Reay, Deaconess at St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.*

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Shirley Scott, Presbyterial President, accompanied Miss Hazel Macdonald, who is on furlough from *Formosa,* during her visit to this Presbyterial, when they visited *Banff. Bassano,* and *Three Hills,* as well as all *Calgary* Presbyterian Churches. Miss Macdonald spoke at the morning and evening services of Chalmers, and Knox, Presbyterian Churches, whose pulpits were vacant. She was Guest of Honour at a Supper Party, following the Inter-City Rally of C.G.I.T. groups, held in North Hill, and Grace, Presbyterian Churches, and also attended the C.G.I.T. and Explorer's Secretaries' Workshop. Speaking to the Explorer Group of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Miss Macdonald showed slides of her work in *Formosa.*

Mrs. Paul Paulson told of her work as a Missionary in *British Guiana,* at a recent meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church. A short Memorial Service was held in memory of the late Mrs. Alfred Barroll, President of this W.M.S. Auxiliary for seven years previous to her illness. Mrs. Barroll was an Honorary Member of the W.M.S., and an ardent missionary worker who will be greatly missed. At an earlier Meeting an Honorary Membership was given Mrs. Wm. Buchan, in recognition of her long and faithful work for the W.M.S., and two Life Memberships were presented.

The Annual Meeting of *Calgary* Presbyterial was held in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* with President, Miss Shirley V. Scott, presiding. Guest Speakers, Mrs. George Anderson, President of *Alberta* Synodical, and Mrs. Ralph McDonald, *Calgary,* spoke on the Theme of the Meetings — "Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish." The Rev. Edmund Seress, Presbytery Moderator, installed the 1962 Executive with Miss Shirley Scott elected as President for a second term. At the close of the Sessions, Miss Scott was presented with a Life Membership Pin, and a gift of costume jewellery, in appreciation of her work for the past two years as President of Calgary Presbyterial.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Some 100 delegates were present from *Edmonton, Wainwright, Lloydminster, Chauvin* and *Killam,* at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* with President, Mrs. G. Milson in the Chair. Dr. E. J. White welcomed delegates to the Church, and greetings were presented by Mrs. George Anderson, President of *Alberta* Synodical; Rev. H. H. Morris, Moderator of Presbytery; Rev. D. Crawford, Moderator of Synod. Guest Speakers were the Rev. J. Biglow, Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* and Mrs. Yatsu Asuma, who is attending the University of *Alberta,* and spoke on *Japan.* Miss Jean Clark, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented a gift to Mrs. J. Anderson, Hospital Visitor for *Edmonton* for a number of years, who has recently retired. Mrs. H. B. Wallace was elected President of *Edmonton* Presbyterial for 1962.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Group of *Strathcona* Presbyterian Church, were guests of the Evening Affiliated W.M.S. Group recently, when Mrs. G. O. Milson, *Edmonton* Presbyterial gave the Opening Devotional and installed the 1962 Officers. Miss Molly Harbeck was elected President. In the Programme, and discussion, particular stress was laid on ways and means of interesting the women of the Church in the work of the W.M.S. and each member was urged to consider this as her personal responsibility. A Social Hour followed.

Miss Hazel Macdonald, of *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the W.M.S. meeting of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* when she was welcomed by the Rev. Dr. E. J. White, and introduced by Miss Isabel Rae. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. J. Bigelow, assisted by members of C.G.I.T. Lunch was served by First Church Evening W.M.S. Group, and an hour of fellowship followed.

The newly-formed St. Andrew's Ladies Fellowship Group, of *Wainwright,* welcomed Miss Hazel Macdonald, of *Formosa,* who told them of *Formosa,* and the work of our Missionaries there. Members of the Westminster Ladies Fellowship of *Chauvin* attended. Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* with President, Mrs. P. Weber, presiding, and the Theme, "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World." Synodical President, Mrs. George Anderson, brought Synodical greetings. Devotions were led by Mrs. G. Cunningham, and Miss Hilda Blackwell, Regional Secretary, showed two excellent filmstrips. The Rev. G. E. Brodie, was the Special Speaker, and installed the 1962 Officers, with Mrs. P. Weber, of *Carstairs* returned as President. Miss Iris Ford closed the Sessions with prayer.

Under the auspices of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* a Workshop was held for Leaders of the C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups, who attended from *Willowdale, Edwell, Sylvan Lake, Eckville, Valley Centre, Olds, Penhold,* and *Rocky Mountain House.* Mrs. Ruby Day and Miss Hilda Blackwell conducted the Workshop. Opening with a Coffee Session, followed by a short Devotional Period, Leaders then formed separate groups to discuss material and problems pertinent to their work. Miss Iris Ford conducted an "Explorer Expedition", and Miss Blackwell showed a filmstrip and talked on *"British Guiana".* After the Craft Display and discussion, Leaders again gathered in groups to take up the Missionary Study for this year. The Rev. R. J.

Burton, conducted a brief Induction Service for the Counsellors.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — "Self Denial" was the Theme of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, which met in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* with President, Mrs. Myrtle Johnston, of *Tisdale,* presiding, and delegates attending from *Melfort, Tisdale, Carrango, Somme, Clouston,* and *Prince Albert*. The Rev. G. A. Johnston, Minister of the Church, conducted the three Devotional Periods, on the themes, "Count the Cost"; "Evidence"; and "Conclusion". Special Guests were Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, and Miss Isabelle Bailey, Synodical President. At the evening banquet the Special Guest was Mrs. S. (Leone) How, wife of the Rev. Stephen How, formerly of *Formosa* and now pastor on the *Mistawasis Reserve*. Mrs. How, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School (now Ewart College), served until recently in the Organization Department of Council Executive.

The "Anniversary Presentation", given by the *Carranga* group, stressed the power of prayer; the panel presentation of "Our Anniversary", by the Lucy Baker W.M.S. Auxiliary, of *Prince Albert,* told of the W.M.S. plans for celebrating the 100th Anniversary in 1964. The Elena MacKay W.M.S. Group, of *Melfort,* gave a moving presentation, "The Passing Years", which showed, in message and song, how God's love binds God's people in Christian fellowship together, so that, having received these blessings, they want to serve others, give of their time and talents, and consecrate their lives to Christ.

Miss Ada Wade, Deaconess, told of the work she is carrying-on at *Mistawasis, Round Plain,* (Wakpetin) and *Crutwell,* among the Indian women and girls. The reports of the various Secretaries were received and discussed, and Mrs. S. Sharkey of *Tisdale,* gave a fine report of the highlights of the Annual Meeting of Council, in *Stratford, Ont.* President, Mrs. W. J. Hislop, of *Prince Albert,* and other Officers for 1962 were installed by the Synodical President, Miss Isabelle Bailey, of *Clouston.* The Ladies Aid members of the hostess Church served Luncheon and Dinner.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa,* presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. A. H. Eaton, at a recent meeting.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Knox

Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* held its Annual Vesper Service on a Sunday evening, in a completely candle-lit Sanctuary. Thirty-one girls formed the Choir, with Lois Graham at the organ, Janice Lockhart, Department President, conducting the Service, and C.G.I.T. members telling the Christmas Story, and lighting the candles. Previous to the Service, Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Hood, dedicated the Service, in loving memory of Donna Sheridan, a former Group President, who lost her life in a car accident last Fall, and in warm remembrance of Linda Dickson, a C.G.I.T. member, who is still a patient in Winnipeg General Hospital, following that accident.

On behalf of the Evening Guild of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* Mrs. George Ferguson presented a Life Membership to Mrs. George Culley, and Mrs. W. Oliver, on behalf of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented her with the Pin. This Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Vopni, President of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and during the business session, a donation was made to the Winnipeg Fellowship House. A Candle-Lighting Service was conducted by Mrs. H. L. Henderson, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Vopni, Mrs. G. Ferguson, Mrs. G. Fairbairn, and Mrs. M. McDonald.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* Ont., Mrs. Charles LeCocq introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, the former Miss Margaret McKenzie, our Missionary in *Formosa,* who brought an inspiring and thought-arousing message. Mrs. Ross Babion was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Harcourt Johnston. Mrs. K. W. Hearnden, President of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Humphrey, a member of many years' standing.

The Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* took on a festive air this year, by having a Luncheon, preceding the Business Meeting. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, formerly of our Mission in Formosa, who told of "Christmas In Formosa." Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. R. Wallace, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. A. Yule.

At the January meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur, Ont.,* Miss M. I. Smellie, of *Port Arthur,* presented a Life Membership to Miss Margery Campbell, a Past President, and active member of this Group.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbyterian Women's World Day of Prayer was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg, Manitoba,* on a Thursday evening early in January. The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church was in charge of the Meeting, and Miss Rose Romaniuk of

Norwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* was Guest Speaker, her subject being "Prayer."

At a meeting in the home of Miss Hedi Duke, *Winnipeg,* Miss Irene Dickson and Miss Joyce Dickson were presented with Life Memberships in the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. T. C. Ross, President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* presented the Life Membership Certificates, and Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Secretary of this Auxiliary, presented the pins. The Misses Dickson are both active members of the Hildur Hermanson Young Women's Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, and have been faithful and dedicated teachers in the Sunday School of this Church for many years.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — "Prayer Around The World", was the theme of the Annual New Year Prayer Service for Presbyterian women of *Hamilton* and District, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church School, *Hamilton,* with Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon presiding, and the Rev. George Malcolm of St. Cuthberts Presbyterian Church, the Guest Speaker. From his own Missionary experience he told how he had seen the power of prayer actually at work, and reminded his audience that to make prayer effective, we must come humbly before God, be teachable, and believing that what Christ said about prayer is *true.* A dedicated prayer-life can do much both in homes and churches. Mrs. John Cumberland was Soloist, accompanied by Miss Lily McFarlane. Mrs. L. D. Crawford, Convener, was assisted by Mrs. W. C. Stewart; Mrs. Alex Skene; Mrs. George Oswald; and Mrs. Percy Clark.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. F. Moffat, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.* Mrs. R. Collyer and Miss MacLeod of *South Kinloss* conducted Morning Worship Service, and the *Kinlough* W.M.S. Group, led by Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Hodgins and Mrs. Maulden, conducted the Afternoon Devotional Period. Mrs. W. Murchison, of *Brussels,* welcomed the guests, and the Rev. Mr. Cromey, *Kincardine,* brought Presbytery greetings. Officers were installed by the Rev. G. Fish, of *Brussels.* "Be Still and Know That I Am God", was the theme of the President's closing Address. Mrs. Henderson of *Lucknow,* gave the closing Prayer.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — When Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., of *India,* spoke at the Morning Service of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* Luncheon was served in the Church Hall, and members of the Adda McLean Auxiliary of the W.M.S. had the Opportunity of meeting her. At the Thank-Offering Meeting of this Auxiliary, Mrs. J. I. Adams, President of *Niagara* Presbyterial was Guest Speaker.

The Annual Meeting of Niagara Presbyterial was held in Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, *Niagara Falls,* and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council was Guest Speaker. Speaking of the W.M.S. work, both Overseas and in Canada, Mrs. Curr said, "The individual Auxiliary member is the important part of the Society as a whole. We must reach out, and spend ourselves, our time, our strength, and our talent." The Rev. W. J. McKeown, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings, and conducted Afternoon Devotions. Evening Devotions were given by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Southlea* Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines.* Secretarial Reports showed a successful and active year, and Mrs. E. Spencer, of *Fort Erie,* was installed as the new President, succeeding Mrs. J. I. Adams, of *Chippawa.*

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held its Annual Meeting in Central Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* with Mrs. E. P. Winhold presiding, and Mrs. W. R. Ronald conducting the Devotional Period, assisted by Mrs. George Simpson, and Mrs. L. McLeod. The Rev. Dr. D. G. Johnston brought greetings from Synod and Presbytery, and Mrs. George Corman brought greetings from Synodical. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Geoffrey Johnston, who, with her husband, taught school in *Calabar, Eastern Nigeria,* told how religion, and the various cultures of that country, are related, and said that it was difficult for Nigerians to understand the European's indifference to Christianity. Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. G. D. Johnston; excellent reports showed a considerable increase in givings; Mrs. Aubrey Gillespie reported on the W.M.S. Training School in *Belleville.* Mrs. E. P. Winhold was re-elected President of the Presbyterial.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — It is with sad hearts that this Presbyterial reports the sudden death of our Presbyterial Press Secretary, Mrs. George Lamont, who, with her husband, the Rev. Mr. George Lamont, of *Mitchell,* was killed in a motor accident. The press items from this Presbyterial constitute her last Press Report, posted to us the morning of the fatal accident —

"At the Annual Meeting of Stratford Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* Mrs. W. Carr, re-elected as President, presided, and Morning Worship was conducted by Mrs. James Ferguson and Mrs. James Dickson; Afternoon Devotions were given by Mrs. Earl Paddington, Mrs. John Chalmers, and Mrs. James Blow — all of *Stratford.* Miss I. McTavish was Accompanist for the duet given by Mrs. Warren Fairles and Mrs. K. Stewart. Reports of good work accomplished were given by all Secretaries. Highlights of the year were the Annual Council Meeting in

Stratford last May; the visits of the Rev. John Elder, formerly of *British Guiana;* Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., of *India;* Miss Lillian Reay, Deaconess from *Saskatoon;* the C.G.I.T. Leaders Conference; and the Young Women's Rally.

"The Rev. Stuart B. Coles, a delegate to the World Council of Churches Conference in *New Delhi, India,* gave a provocative Address, illustrated with pictures of the meetings and delegates. He predicted a change in the established Church order, and deplored the ignorance of many Canadian Christians, stating that the number of Christians is not keeping up with the population explosion. The Rev. Hugh Wilson, Moderator of Presbytery, when he presented official greetings, likened the W.M.S. to a power plant, supplying the needs of the Mission Fields. He also installed the officers for 1962. Miss Edith Leckie was Pianist for the Sessions."

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial held both sessions in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* with President, Mrs. Iver McIver in the Chair. Opening Devotions were led by Mrs. Thomas Pollock, Mrs. W. L. MacLellan and Mrs. Iver McIver. The Nominating Committee was appointed, and delegates chosen to attend the Synodical Meeting in *Smiths Falls,* in April. Plans were made for a delegate to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre in *Belleville,* next July. The Annual Rally will be held in *Maxville,* May 31st. District Vice-Presidents, Officers and Secretaries presented encouraging Reports showing progress and activity in the work. Papers, magazines, and used Greeting Cards were sent to *Nigeria* and *Formosa.*

Miss Lois Powrie, newly-appointed *Montreal* and *Ottawa* Regional Secretary, was introduced and spoke briefly. Mrs. A. J. Wilkes reported on the Anniversaries Committee, and it was decided that names of the Key Women from each Auxiliary, to whom pages of the Remembrance Book will be sent, are to be submitted to Mrs. Wilkes by June 30th. The President asked all Auxiliary members to set aside five minutes at 8:55 A.M., for prayer for individual re-dedication for service; for the work of our Missionaries; and for the success of the Anniversary Projects. Mrs. Neil McLennan presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and the Rev. Dr. Robertson Millar conducted the Installation of Officers. Dinner was provided by the ladies of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—All Departments of the W.M.S. Family were represented at Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* when some 150 people gathered together for inspiration and fellowship. Mrs. N. R. Dunlop, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided; Worship was conducted by Mrs. D. G. Allan, member of the newly-organized Young Women's W.M.S. Auxiliary; musical selections were given by the C.G.I.T. The Right Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, introduced the Rev. W. F. Bay, Pastor of a *Korean* congregation in *Yokohama,* and now studying at Presbyterian College, *Montreal,* who gave his first public address in the English language. This was followed by a talk on "The Mission of the Church", by Dr. Bell.

The Anniversaries Projects were explained by Miss Doris Blais, President of Montreal Presbyterial, and the Offering, dedicated by Mrs. W. S. Reid, President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, was sent to the Winnipeg Fellowship Centre. Special music was supplied by the male quartette of the Church choir. Mrs. J. S. McBride, Honorary President of the three Auxiliaries, expressed thanks and appreciation, and the meeting closed with Prayer, by the Minister, the Rev. J. S. McBride. A Social Hour followed. (N.B. — Forty-three men attended this Meeting! — Ed.)

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The Soli Deo Gloria Guild of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* held a successful Tea and Bake Sale in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, when guests were received by the patron, Mrs. John W. Williams, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Mrs. Kalmon D. Toth, wife of the Minister of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Paul Chato, President of the Guild. Convener was Mrs. John Fakete, assisted by Mrs. Victor Tolgyesi, and Mrs. V. D. Javersky. Hostesses were Miss Eva Sziranyi, Miss Judith Sziranyi, Mrs. Ildi Killner, Miss Klara Toth, and Miss Irene Patocs. Pouring tea at the poinsettia-decked table were Mrs. G. S. Watts, Mrs. Eric Prime, Mrs. G. H. Sparks, Mrs. R. C. Creelman, Mrs. Robert Good, Mrs. J. D. L. Howson, Mrs. D. A. Allen, Mrs. J. A. Johnston, and Mrs. F. C. Wotherspoon.

Guests were greatly interested in the "continental" atmosphere at the event, and in many different and unusual types of cakes served at the Tea, and also sold at the Bake Sale, which was convened by Mrs. Moor. The following ladies helped to sell, and to explain the pastries — Mrs. P. Z. Marcson, Miss Irene Lockner, and Mrs. Joseph Dudas. Mrs. Leslie Patocs received the donations and Mrs. Imre Bernolak was in charge of invitations. The Church Hall, with its beautiful wood - panelling, showed to great advantage the collection of modern Canadian paintings loaned for the affair by the Robertson Gallery.

Due to lack of space in this issue, Synodical News from Toronto and Kingston, and some from Montreal and Ottawa, has been held for later publication.

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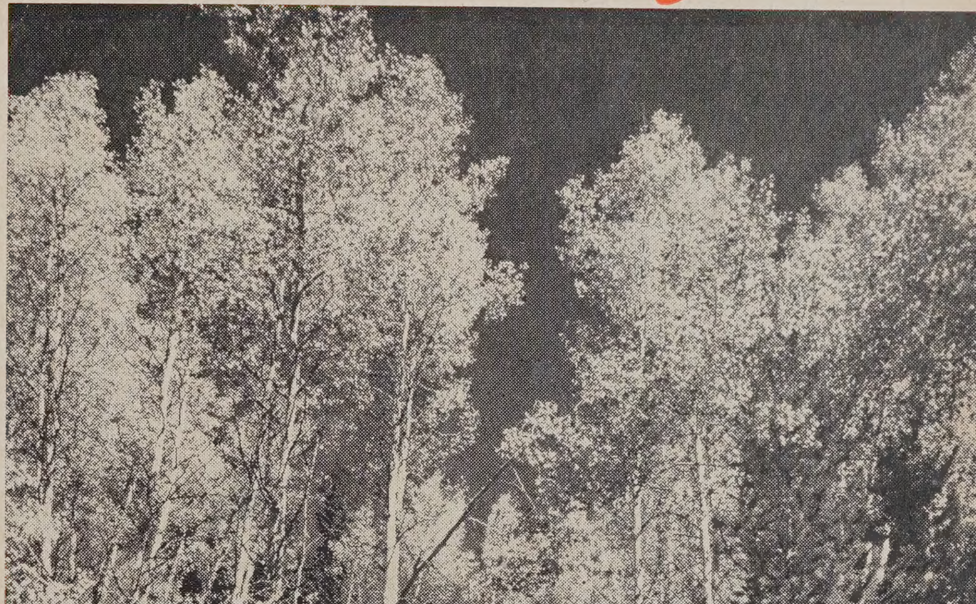

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CHOSEN BY HIS FRIENDS!

by

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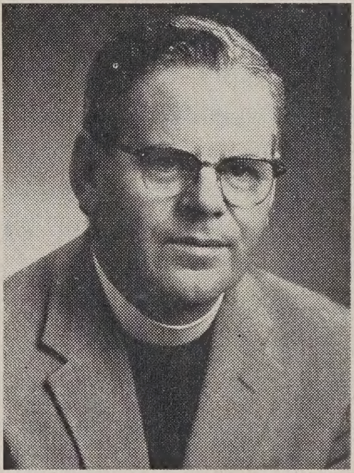

DR. WM. FITCH

(Dr. Fitch is the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto, Ontario — the historic old Church in which our Annual Council Meeting is to be held this month. Before coming to Canada, he ministered to the congregation of Springburn Hill, one of the largest parishes in Glasgow, Scotland. Dr. Fitch is noted for the strong evangelical character of his preaching, and his voice is familiar to many through the Radio Programme "Faith for Today".)

MANY of the most precious words of Christ were spoken to His disciples in the Upper Room. He knew His time was short. Calvary was near, and there was still so much to tell them. One gets the impression that it is out of great constraint He teaches the disciples the mighty truths of faith and fellowship. But through it all, His love surrounding them. "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." Nothing could alter that. And He demonstrated His love in the most remarkable ways. "Supper being ended, Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God and went to God, He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet." He had loved them from the first of time; and still He loves them. Therefore He serves them and blesses them. Truly, the Upper Room is the sanctuary where the Saviour's love is revealed to His followers.

In love He teaches them. Only, of course, according to their ability. There were always so many things that they could not receive; but, as they were able, He instructed them in the great mysteries of the faith they were so soon to preach to the ends of the earth. He speaks to them of the Holy Spirit. It is in the Upper Room that we have the first definitive teaching concerning the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. "I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter; even the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." The disciples could not understand how it was expedient for them that their Master should go away. But these words of infinite authority still their fears. Another Comforter! One who would abide with them forever, and would never leave! They could not fully understand — and yet their hearts were stirred and melted as they listened.

But that was not all! He spoke to them about "abiding in Him", about "bearing fruit", and about "keeping His commandments". And then to add to the wonder of it all, He said:— "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father have I made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name He may give it you." All this is part of the training of the twelve. They are to be sent out on world mission, and are being trained for dedicated and sacrificial discipleship: and so the Lord teaches them these things, teaches them that the heart of all vital discipleship is nothing else than friendship with Himself. "I have called you friends." This is the sum of the matter. Beyond this they cannot go.

You and I, however, forget this so easily. We so readily let ourselves get tied up with intellectual problems, with abstruse particles of the faith, with peripheral and inconsequential things. And in doing so we miss the brightest glory of discipleship. For true discipleship is "Friendship with Jesus". It is He Himself who says to us — "I have called you friends":— and then immediately goes on to say: "Ye have not chosen Me but I have chosen you." In these words there is the heart of the doctrine of predestination. Let it be clearly noted and stressed that predestination is to "friendship with Christ, the Son of God."

We can of course oversimplify anything. We can certainly oversimplify the nature of our discipleship. That, in itself, can be dangerous. What I am saying here is not intended to detract from the importance of sound doctrine and fundamental truth. No! At the same time, however, this must be kept in mind — it is our Lord who calls us "Friends" and there is so much in this term that we dare not lose. Perhaps we all need a simpler faith — a more childlike trust, a less complicated form of devotion. I think F. W. Faber had this in mind when he wrote:

"Foolish hearts, why will ye wander
From a love so true and deep?"

and went on to say—

"If our love were but more simple,
We would take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord."

That certainly would be a mark of our being "the friends of Jesus".

What are marks of true friendship? Let me mention some of them very briefly:—

True friends have common interests. Friends may follow different pursuits; but they always have identical interests. The same goal activates their policies and thoughts. Lovers are drawn to one another by common interests, and by common interest in one another. So is it with the Christian and his Lord. His Master calls him His friend. That means that the interests of both are identical; or ought to be.

Now we need have no doubt as to what the interests of Christ are. They are — righteousness, holiness, love, purity, compassion of the lost and the needy, the salvation of sinners, the redemption and winning of the world for God. He came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." And this is our pattern and our guide. The cares and concerns of our Lord will be ours. To share His friendship is to share His interests.

That means that we will be naturally involved in world mission. A friend of Jesus cannot be other than engaged in missionary enterprises that have the ends of the earth in view. He has been commanded to do so; Christ Himself has told him to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." He is not a free agent to choose what he will do, and what he won't. Necessity is laid upon him, for his Lord and Saviour has shown him the way. World mission is his concern; home missions are his privilege; child evangelism, his duty and his care.

And we can always tell the true lovers of Jesus by this test. They don't need to be driven to this kind of interest. It is in their blood. They are His friends. Therefore they do the things that He does. "They follow Him whithersoever He leads." That is friendship. It is to this holy calling that we are summoned by our Lord when He says: "Ye have not chosen Me but I have chosen you . . . I have called you FRIENDS." Happy indeed are they who have learned this first lesson and are striving to serve Him with their whole heart!

True friends talk openly to one another. All through His ministry our Lord tried to teach the disciples to pray. He gave them a pattern prayer. He showed them by His own example how necessary it was that prayer should be at the very heart of life. And in this teaching He showed to them that perfect oneness must be preserved if prayer is to be effective. Prayer, He told them, is talking openly with God, as a friend talks with his friend. It was thus Abraham prayed, and he was called a Friend of God. It is thus that all disciples will pray, if they are rejoicing in the friendship of their Saviour.

To be a friend of Jesus means that we will tell Him everything. There will be no hidden secrets. We will make no decisions without first discussing them with Him. No fears will enter our hearts that we do not share openly, and seek His counsel. All things will be talked about freely in His presence. This is the very essence of friendship.

A minister was once visiting in the home of one of his aged elders who had been sick. The elder told his minister that he was finding much difficulty in prayer. He couldn't get into a kneeling posture, and he was finding that his mind tended to wander far more easily than before. What could he do? This is what his minister advised:— "Just sit in your chair and have another chair quite near you, and think that the Lord Himself is right by your side, waiting to hear all you have to say. You just talk to Him as you would to your closest friend, keeping nothing back, telling Him all." It was the best advice. It worked wonders. From that day, prayer once more became spontaneous and free.

Do we not all need to learn this kind of lesson? Is it not true that we keep so many things to ourselves and just don't discuss them freely with Christ our Lord?

“Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!”

The Friend of sinners is one to whom we can unburden all our heart. We show that we are numbered amongst His friends when we constantly share our every burden with Him.

One thing else we must note about true friendship. *True friends give gifts:*— This is a very wonderful part of all friendships. True love delights to give.

“Love ever gives, forgives, outlives,
  And ever stands with open hand,
And while it lives, it gives,
  For that is love’s prerogative—
To give, and give, and give.”

Friendship communicates in tokens. Gifts are a medium, by which true friends share their friendship. A selfish, grasping, covetous spirit is alien to friendships. And is this not so in the friendship of Christ with His own? He laid down His life for His friends. Though He was in the form of God, yet He did not think that this should be selfishly held. “He made Himself of no reputation and became obedient unto death.” We cannot think of the love of God without thinking of the “unspeakable gift” of the Father. “God so loved the world that He *gave* His only begotten son.” Here again is our pattern and our guide.

We sometimes hear complaints about the way in which the church is always asking for money. But that is completely to misunderstand the situation. A true Christian — and that means a true friend of Christ — will always be more concerned about giving to His Lord than about anything else. He does not give by compulsion. He gives out of love. And it must surely be absolutely clear that if there is any lack in the treasury of the church, it is because there is a fundamental lack of love at the heart of the church for her Lord.

True friends give gifts. When our Lord said “Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you”, He obviously is indicating that sacrifice is at the heart of this friendship, and that to give is part of life’s highest glory.

One final word. *True friends stand by one another to the last.* That is what Christ did. “He loved them unto the end.” And it is this He is still doing. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." But can He depend on us to stand with Him? That is the question we all must answer. May God give us grace to say—

"I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord
Over mountain, or plain, or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our Missionaries, Staff, and all who are sharing in the presentation of National Missions at the Annual Council Meeting — that they may be inspired to present a vivid picture of the task today, and the great opportunities to expand our work in Canada.

—For our Staff, serving in the Immigration Department — Miss Dorothy Lukes, and the Summer Assistant — that they may have a renewal of missionary zeal in carrying forth their ministry of love to the New Canadians.

—For all who are preparing for the Annual Council Meeting, that the plans may be such as to result in a better understanding of, and dedication to, the mission entrusted by Christ to His Church.

—For all planning to attend the Annual Council Meeting, that they may both give inspiration to others, and receive a blessing themselves.

—For the work of the Church in Africa; pray that God may use the many plans for aiding this great continent, and that the life of its people may be such that God's love will be known in all its glory.

—For the missionaries of our Society who serve in Nigeria. Pray that Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss Dorothy Bulmer may continue to have that health and strength which allows their ministry to be a great blessing.

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SPRING!

"Spring is a spendthrift lady;
Where mortal never comes,
In forests, lost and shady,
She squanders triliums.

In hidden dells, whose grasses
A silver runnel wets,
Where mortal never passes
She squanders violets."

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PRAYER

by MISS MAY NUTT

Regional Secretary, British Columbia

Our Heavenly Father, we come humbly and gratefully into Thy presence this day, knowing that Thou art very great, and above all that we can conceive in majesty and power. And yet, our Father, Thou hast chosen and called us to serve in Thy Church. We confess, our Father, that we have often been happy and comfortable in our own little group, and unwilling to see the needs of those around us for friendship and concern. Grant, our Father, that we may see others through Thine eyes of love. We confess that the wonderful expectancy, and compelling urgency, have often been lacking in our faith and thus others are not drawn to Thee through us. May Thy Holy Spirit so fill us that this quality of our faith will always be present.

Our confidence in Thee, our Father, has not always been strong in times of sorrow and defeat. Grant that we may draw heavily on Thy strength in times of difficulty. We have not given our minds to the study of Thy word as often, and as diligently, as we should. Forgive us, our Father, and grant that we may be eager to learn more of Thy truth.

We give Thee thanks, oh Lord, for all Thy goodness to us. Thou art conscious of our every need — physically, mentally, and spiritually, and hast provided for that need by sending our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to die that we might have life. We give Thee grateful thanks for this most precious of all gifts, and would show our gratitude by humbly accepting Him and the forgiveness He has made possible for us. Our Father, whose will it is that all men should be saved, grant Thy presence to all who proclaim the Gospel in Thy name, at home and overseas.

We especially think of our Missionaries in British Guiana; Nigeria; India; Formosa; and Japan. Give them complete confidence in Thee in these troubled times, and may Thy Holy Spirit fill the people to whom they minister, that they may see a rich increase in Thy kingdom. We would pray for new Christians throughout the world, this day. May they be given an opportunity to grow strong in their faith, that others may be brought to Thee through their witness. Where they meet opposition and ridicule, may they turn constantly to Thee, conscious that Thou art with them always, and will never forsake them.

Almighty God, by whose spirit we are led, we pray that Thy guidance may go with the women who meet this month at Council, that the decisions they make may be preceded by prayerful consideration of the responsibilities entrusted to us by our Lord. Grant that we, as members of our Society, may not forget to uphold the deliberations in our prayers, that all may be in accordance with Thy holy will.

Help us, our Father, to continue faithful in prayer, in giving of ourselves and our money, and in study, that Thy Kingdom may truly be advanced. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Council will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th, inclusive. The Theme for the Meeting will be —"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". (John 15, verse 16.)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by (MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

The Annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society W.D., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will convene in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on May 7th to 11th, 1962, inclusive.

As we gather together for this Annual meeting, we will look at the greatness of our task at home and overseas. We will look at the different types of leadership training that have been given during the past year, under the direction of our Organization department. We must look with a wide vision, in order that we may see and become conscious of a greater need;—

1—To serve others.
2—To increase our membership.
3—To bring in new ideas.
4—To interest all the women of the church in our Society.

We must realize, as never before, that the training of Christian Education of our children and young people is important to our future. Look at our Theme "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you" John 15:16. Our Lord has *chosen us* that we should go forth sending our witness to the ends of the earth. Did not He Himself say "Behold I send you forth" Luke 10:3?

Will you pray for the Annual meeting? Pray for those who will give leadership, for those who are delegates, for all who will come.

Pray that all decisions made may be in accordance with God's Will for the Society.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1961

In Matthew, Chapter 10, we read of the commissioning of the first disciples. Here outlined is His command, and here are the duties and the expectations of the disciple. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Christ commanded His disciples to preach, to teach, to heal. He warns of difficulties, dislike, distrust, persecution. He does not promise a smooth pathway, but He does promise the guidance and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Having become a disciple of Jesus Christ, there can be no turning back. In Luke, Chapter 9, we read, "No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom". We must look upward and onward, upward for our strength, and onward to those who have never heard the glorious message of the Gospel. The true Christian is a missionary Christian, one with a compelling conviction to share the wonder and the mystery of the Christian experience.

Imperfect though we may be, nevertheless, one must agree that the Society has given evidence in the financial statement, presented herewith, that its members have caught an even greater vision of the missionary task. Although the Estimate was not reached and a serious deficit exists, the actual givings increased by $12,394.32. We give thanks to God for His unfailing mercy in permitting us, once again, to be His faithful servants. May we not fail Him in the year ahead.

MRS. SINCLAIR

(Mrs. I. G.) Helen P. Sinclair,
Treasurer.

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I SHALL WAIT

"Not so in haste, my heart!
Have faith in God and wait:
Although He linger long
He never comes too late.

Until He cometh, rest,
Nor grudge the hours that roll,
The feet that wait for God
Are soonest at the goal."

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (W.D.)
# of the
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 31st December, 1961

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

Synodical givings:		
Montreal and Ottawa	$ 53,412.81	
Toronto and Kingston	121,182.55	
Hamilton and London	115,074.96	
Manitoba	12,706.05	
Saskatchewan	8,088.31	
Alberta	12,216.21	
British Columbia	14,395.72	$337,076.61
Individual subscriptions	$ 12,387.43	
Less Individual subscriptions held for 1962	835.45	11,551.98
Church assessment for Indian work in Canada		610.00
Interest		900.00
		$350,138.59

DISBURSEMENTS:

National	$106,694.88
Overseas	123,335.45
Organization	40,884.46
Publications	20,400.99
Administration	24,290.41
Christian Literature	7,342.28
Students	2,225.00
Council Meeting	6,342.72
General Contingency	751.93
Insurance and taxes	1,066.03
Visual Education	1,000.00
Grants	1,410.00
Synodical Grants	1,112.16

Medical Insurance for Staff		2,315.00	
Payment for Special Gifts		8,954.89	
New Work:			
National Missions	$5,809.03		
Overseas Missions	2,544.06	8,353.09	
			$356,479.29

SUPPLY FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 31st December 1960		$8,979.27
Synodicals:		
Montreal and Ottawa	$2,012.50	
Toronto and Kingston	4,713.35	
Hamilton and London	4,211.98	
Manitoba	398.53	
Saskatchewan	450.85	
Alberta	468.00	
British Columbia	477.75	12,732.96
		$21,712.96

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and
Every woman in your Church given that opportunity also?

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"BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO IHENTA"

As told by MRS. A. UNOH, Church Sister, (Deaconess) in Ohafia
and
Contributed by MISS AGNES GOLLAN, Ohafia, Nigeria.

(Ihenta is one of the 25 villages which make up Ohafia. This year marked 50 years since the arrival of the first Missionary in Ohafia. Ihenta was one village which continued to resist the Gospel for many years. Ohafia, itself, has a strong Christian Church, and, as you will see from this story, it is a witnessing Church. The Church Sister, who tells this story, has worked faithfully in Ohafia for eight years, and this year she was transferred to another place, because it was felt that the Ohafia Church women were now capable of carrying on themselves. A.G.)

"IT WAS IN the year 1955, on the 24th of August, that I told the following story to a group of Church women at the Ohafia Church Women's Conference—

"When coming to your meeting this morning I noticed a woman sitting beside the road near Ihenta. She looked worried and frightened, so I asked some people nearby what was wrong with her. They informed me that she had been cast out of Ihenta, because she had given birth to twins.

At this meeting, where I related this story, we made a very important decision. This was that decision — we decided that 10 women from each Ohafia Church would meet on September 4th, at the Government Rest House near Ihenta. After we had all assembled on that day, we marched into Ihenta, two by two, led by Elder Otim. This is the song we sang — 'What do women mean to you? We are not annoyed! We are not afraid! As long as God is living, we are not annoyed, nor afraid!'

Workers in Nigeria

In Ihenta, no black head-tie or black umbrella was ever used, nor was a black dress of any kind ever worn, because the people of Ihenta believed that you would be struck dead if you did. We all tried to wear something black, to prove that this belief was wrong, and that the power of our God was stronger than any superstition. When the Ihenta children saw us coming, they fled into their compounds and warned the villagers. All doors and windows were shut tight, and everything was silent when we marched into the village, singing this song — 'The old ju-ju things are passing away. The Word of God will *never* pass away!'

Finally, the ju-ju Chief appeared, and I said to him, 'Chief, we have brought good tidings from God to you!' He then asked us to gather in the large outdoor meeting-ground, with three women and seven men from the village. They gave us kola nut, and three bottles of palm wine. (Kola nut is given as a sign of welcome.) I stood up to talk, on behalf of the 142 Ohafia women, and the Elder, who were there.

'We have come to Ihenta', I said, 'to give you your share of the good news. Other villages in Ohafia have already received their share, and now we come to offer your share to you.' They thought it was a gift that we wanted to share, such as money. Then I told them the good news of Jesus Christ, and preached from Isaiah 55-verse 6, and John 3-verse 16. Then I challenged them, with Matthew, 25-verse 13—'Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.' They listened well, and said that they were happy that we had come. They gave us ten shillings, ($1.50) for God's work.

We later decided that, each Sunday, four women would come to preach in Ihenta. On Sunday afternoons, I took Bible pictures with me, and told them Bible stories. Soon I was given the name, "Ma Jubigara" — *Jubigara* means full, and running over. They named me this because one of the choruses which I taught them was 'My cup is full and running over.'

In that same year — 1955 — the first twin mother was allowed to stay in Ihenta. She was not cast-out, as all twin mothers had been before. In 1956, a full-time teacher of the Bible, Mr. Kalu Mba, was employed by the Ohafia Women's Conference. Now Mr. Omaka is a very devoted and untiring Evangelist there, and his salary is paid by the Ohafia women. In 1959, eleven people were baptized in the ju-ju house, which was used for Church services. A Church was built in 1960, and it stands on ground which once was regarded as 'bad bush', because it was believed that you got abscesses and rheumatism if you went there.

A Christian Girls' Club, (C.G.C.) has been started in Ihenta, and many of the women are now coming to the Women's Guild. The Church is growing, slowly and strongly. We thank God for the faithful members now witnessing in Ihenta, and we pray that they may never turn from the true God."

Anniversary Corner

THE PRINTED WORD

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

As you pick up your attractive issue of the *Glad Tidings* this month, with its colourful cover and well-illustrated inside features, pause for a few minutes to think back over the history of this magazine which is so much a part of "W.M.S." for all of us. Why do we have a magazine? Where did this one come from? What are its origins in the 100-year history of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., in Canada?

The purpose of the Women's Missionary Society as stated in the constitution is "To unite the women, girls and children of the Church in *prayer, study* and *service* . . . " Did you ever stop to think how greatly these aims are dependent on a thorough knowledge of mission outreach through the printed word? The Women's Missionary Society has been deeply conscious of this need for written information from the fields since its very earliest days.

Last month we looked at the early days of the three groups who became the present Women's Missionary Society, W.D. — the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and the Women's Home Missionary Society. Each of these groups recognized the need for written materials for study and inspiration, and tried to provide them in the best way possible.

In Montreal, letters from missionaries overseas, such as Dr. Graham and Dr. Dow in Honan, and Mrs. Campbell in India, and from missionary workers among Canadian Indians in the Northwest, were read and carefully circulated among Auxiliary members. As early as 1888, there was agitation for a printed magazine, but not until 1904 was it found possible to produce one. In that year the *Outlook* was founded, with Mrs. Ephraim Scott as Editor. Missionary letters, news, and study articles, soon made this small magazine a very vital part of the W.M.S. work in the Montreal area.

In Toronto, the first Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in 1877, stated as its aim "the intention to enter into correspondence with missionaries, the letters to be copied and sent to Auxiliaries." From 1876 to 1882, letters were copied by hand by volunteer women, and one copy was sent free to each Auxiliary. In 1882 missionary letters were first printed under the title *Letter Leaflet,* and, by 1885, the little paper was offering devotional literature and pamphlets for sale. By 1897 the *Leaflet* was reorganized and improved under a new name, *The Foreign Missionary Tidings.* The editorial in that first issue, May 1897, makes these interesting comments: "Possibly some old Auxiliary has saved up the earliest numbers, when letters were copied with a gelatine pad. In those days the Leaflet was always read from beginning to end at the Auxiliary meetings, and if secretaries, who spelled out with difficulty the unfamiliar foreign names in the dim violet ink, will place the present issue beside its ancestors they will admit that the improvement is great . . . we are able to present our 14,000 subscribers perhaps better value for the price (12 cents per year) than any other missionary periodical published anywhere. Just one little reminder. Always pay in advance, and please do not keep the Secretary-Treasurer waiting for the money." (Timely advice now as then!)

The Women's Home Missionary Society began its publication programme at the very beginning of its existence. In December 1903, ten thousand copies of the new *Home Mission Pioneer* were printed. This attractive magazine contained study articles, accounts of work in Canada's north and west, Board news, and a good supply of pictures.

With the merger of the three groups in 1914, the three magazines were combined in a new issue, *The Missionary Messenger,* with Mrs. MacGillivray as Editor. By 1924 it had a circulation of 42,843, the largest for this type of magazine in Canada, the U.S.A. or Britain.

With the split in W.M.S. operations at Church Union in 1925, the *Missionary Messenger* passed to the United Church. The continuing Presbyterian W.M.S. at once took steps to begin a new magazine to continue the fine old tradition. *The Messenger's* editor, Miss Mamie Fraser, continued as editor of the new *Glad Tidings.* The name was suggested by an auxiliary member of Parkdale Church, Toronto, and a measure of the continuing interest in the missionary magazine was the fact that there were 10,000 paid subscribers before the first issue appeared in print. In the 37 years since then the *Glad Tidings* has grown and flourished.

The yellowed copies of the early missionary magazines make fascinating reading. Indeed they provide a glimpse into the saga of history — in Canada and in the world mission. Here, for example, is Lucy Baker, pioneer woman missionary to the Prince Albert area Indians, writing in July 1885 of the Riel Rebellion: "After the battle of Duck Lake the police and volunteers retreated to Prince Albert and fortified it. All the settlers within a radius of 20 miles rushed for their lives into the mission. Every house was crowded with women and children; the manse was turned into a fort . . I gave my house for a hospital, and devoted all my time to cooking for the sick and wounded . . . I feel worn out, and long for a rest." Or listen to these strong, thoughful words from Mrs. Jamieson, Missionary's wife in Formosa, dated Tamsui, June 3, 1887: "In a missionary meeting in Canada we used to hear of 'proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to millions in China'. Inspiring words, but you can't speak to millions all at once, and these words divested of clouds of romance, apt to hang around them, simply mean a great deal of downright hard work. You hear of converts, but don't imagine they were won by just standing on the platform and speaking to them . . . So the heathen are gradually won. Human nature is the same everywhere, and converts need constantly to be stirred up. How many of us Canadian Christians would not need stirring up . . . ?"

Who can estimate the tremendous influence of these missionary magazines over nearly 90 years? Surely today, as we read our Glad Tidings, we are sharing in a long and important heritage in the development of missionary work and education among the women of our Church.

(Note — May we remind all who read this excellent Article in "The Anniversary Corner", that one of our Anniversary Projects — and surely an important one — is an objective of at least *25,000 subscribers for The Glad Tidings by May, 1964, when the W.M.S. celebrates its two Anniversaries in Montreal? With a present membership, in Afternoon and Evening Groups alone, of 29,510, and a goal of "every member a subscriber", that modest Objective should go "over the top"! Editor)*

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TO MY MOTHER

Mother's Day — May 12, 1962

"When I hunger
I will come to you,
And when I thirst;
When my lips are blue with cold,
Or my brow burns with fever,
Of you, will I think first,
For you have taught me to do this;
You are my Mother!

At evening,
Will I remember
Who the day-long
Ministered to my frailty;
Lent His own staff's support
That I might become strong,
Will I not go to Him with thanks,
Who is my God?"

(Selected)

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
At The
Last Council Meeting
May, 1961

(THIS IS THE FOURTH, *and final, of the series of Devotional Services, based on the Theme of the 1961 Annual Council Meeting, and conducted by Miss Lily Macarthur, at the Meetings in Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario, last May. They have been greatly appreciated by all our readers, as they were by all who were privileged to hear them personally each morning of the Council Meeting, and they have now been used extensively throughout the Synodicals, at Auxiliary, and other W.M.S. Meetings. Again, our sincere and grateful thanks are extended to Miss Macarthur for her kind permission to allow these Worship Services to be published in The Glad Tidings.*)

Theme:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman
that needth not to be ashamed." (11 Timothy — Chap. 2 — verse 15)

Call To Worship:

Jesus said — "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
(St. Matthew — Chap. 6 — verse 33)

Hymn 323 — three verses

"Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour."

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians, Chap. 6 — verses 1 and 3-10.
(New English Bible Version.)

Verse 1 — "Sharing in God's work, we urge this appeal upon you: you have received the grace of God; do not let it go for nothing."

Verses 3-10 — "In order that our service may not be brought into discredit, we avoid giving offence in anything. As God's servants, we try to recommend ourselves in all circumstances by our steadfast endurance; in hardships and dire straits; flogged, imprisoned, mobbed; overworked, sleepless, starving. We recommend ourselves by the innocence of our behaviour, our grasp of truth, our patience and kindliness; by gifts of the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by declaring the truth, by the power of

God. We wield the weapons of righteousness in right hand and left. Honour and dishonour, praise and blame, are alike our lot; we are the impostors who speak the truth, the unknown men whom all men know; dying, we still live on; disciplined by suffering, we are not done to death; in our sorrows we have always cause for joy; poor creatures, we bring wealth to many; penniless, we own the world."

Meditation — This morning we will consider "What Kind of Workman Are We To Be?"

We have all had the humiliating experience of being ashamed because—

(a) When we had an opportunity to speak of Jesus Christ, and we did not do so.

or

(b) We have taken the easy way out of a difficult situation, because we had not the courage to say what we really thought.

or

(c) We have been impatient, or harsh, with someone who very much needed understanding and tenderness.

What kind of workmen **are** we to be?

1. We will be workmen with a **goal.** The goal is obedience to our Master's teaching and commands, so that His Name may be known, and His Kingdom advanced.
2. We will be workmen who **serve** because we love God, not for our own recognition or glory.
3. We will be **obedient** workmen, because we trust our Master. Think of the difference there would be in all our relationships if we put aside self-interest, and lived in obedience to Jesus teaching.
4. We will be **courageous** workmen, willing, if need be to stand alone; willing to attempt something difficult because we know that our Master is able and willing to give us all the assistance we need.
5. We will not be **worried about material possessions.** Jesus said, "Be not over anxious about what you eat, or drink, or wear; your heavenly Father knows **all** your needs." This is not easy to accept. It is not reasonable to believe that God knows, and is concerned about, every individual's needs, but **it is true.**
6. We will be **loving** workmen. This love is not a sentimental, benevolent tolerance. Christian love is — being willing to consider the other person's viewpoint; being concerned for **all** people, that they have opportunity to develop, according to their abilities, in their own way, and that they receive proper recognition; seeking another's highest welfare, even at cost to ourselves.
7. We all desire to be **effective** workmen. To be effective in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ, we must live in close fellowship with

God, letting His Spirit correct and direct. Then, as Leslie Weatherhead says, in his book "Jesus and Ourselves" — "May you remind people of Jesus until, because of **your** life, some hungry, wounded, restless, sin-sick son, or daughter, of God shall wistfully turn back through the night to see the lights, which are forever burning their eternal welcome in the windows of the Father's Home."

Prayer — O Lord, our God, we give Thee thanks that, in Thy wisdom and mercy, Thou dids't permit us to hear the Good News of Thy redeeming love, in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that we may be co-workers with Jesus Christ in the telling of that Good News.

We ask the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may indeed be workmen approved of Thee. Let our ears hear the cry of the needy, and our hearts feel love for the unlovely. Give our hands strength to perform deeds of loving kindness, and enable us to do all with graciousness and joy. Cleanse our hearts and minds from anything and everything that would keep us from communion with Thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn No. 568 — 4 verses

"Lord of light, Whose name outshineth
All the stars and suns of space,
Deign to make us Thy co-workers
In the kingdom of Thy grace;
Use us to fulfil Thy purpose
In the gift of Christ, Thy Son;
Father, as in highest heaven
Son on earth Thy will be done."

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THE CHURCH

"This is the church of my dreams:
The church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;
The church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social;
The church of the Master,
The church of the people;
A worshipping church,
A winsome church;
A church that interprets the truth in terms of Truth,
That inspires courage for this life, and hope for the life to come;
The Church of the Living God.
The church that looks forward,
A church of all good men."
(Selected)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Thos. W. Jermey	Presbyterian, Oro Esson	Barrie
Mrs. Sarah M. Peeler	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. A. Hogarth	First, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. W. A. Brent	St. Andrew's, Hespeler	Guelph
Miss Myrtle Thomson	St. Andrew's, Hespeler	Guelph
Mrs. J. L. MacDonald	Presbyterian, Eden Mills	Guelph
Mrs. F. F. Dennison	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Miss C. Fairlie	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Mrs. Albert Greer	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Mrs. R. Hoffenden	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Miss Dolly Ross	Knox, Woodville	Lindsay
Mrs. Hec. Grant	Knox, Woodville	Lindsay
Miss Mary Ross	St. John's, Port Perry	Lindsay
Mrs. Jos. Sanderson	St. John's, Port Perry	Lindsay
Mrs. Zena Ariss	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. Stewart Black	Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls	Niagara
Mrs. Alex Godfrey	First, Port Colborne	Niagara
Senator Cairine Wilson	St. Andrew's, Ottawa	Ottawa
Mrs. A. P. MacLeod	St. Paul's, Scotstown	Quebec
Mrs. Alex MacRonald	St. Paul's, Scotstown	Quebec
Mrs. Ellar McKellar	Knox, Centre Road	Sarnia
Mrs. James Gavin	St. Andrew's, North Battleford	Saskatoon
Mrs. Ralph Rafter	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - February 1962

	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 25.00	. . .
Alberta	. . .	. . .
Saskatchewan	. . .	. . .
Manitoba	. . .	. . .
Hamilton and London	1,775.00	$1,200.00
Toronto and Kingston	100.00	. . .
Montreal and Ottawa	. . .	. . .
	$1,900.00	$1,200.00

Sharing in Canadian Missions

"DO YOU HAVE ROOM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE?"

by MRS. R. DENHOLM

House Mother, Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg, Manitoba

IT IS ALMOST a daily occurrence to pick up the ringing telephone and be asked, "Do you have room at the Fellowship House?" There are times when we have to say, "No"! The Presbyterian Fellowship House could never begin to cope with the hundreds of young people who face transition from rural living to life in the "Inner City". But we can, working in co-operation with rural ministers, missionaries and lay workers, and with institutions and agencies in the city of Winnipeg, influence many young people through the fellowship of Christian family life.

Our work in Winnipeg is of an experimental nature. We have not concentrated on establishing a rigidly-organized programme, geared to deal in a formal and impersonal way with large numbers. Life and work at the Fellowship House has been patterned on a "family unit" basis. Within this framework, it is possible to work in a personal and informal way with each individual.

Students, and many of these have been Indian Canadian young people enrolled in technical or academic courses, form the nucleus of the family, as they are in residence for at least a ten-month period. When they have completed their courses, and obtained work, they then move into private boarding homes.

In addition to students, we have short-term residents and transients. There are young people coming to Winnipeg with the hope of being gainfully employed. Being able to stay at the Fellowshop House, at a very nominal fee, enables such persons to save a sufficient sum from their first pay cheque to make the necessary advance payment when suitable lodgings are found.

Unfortunately, we have young people coming to the city who, for one reason or another, find themselves involved with the wrong type of people, in the wrong part of town; some end up in court, others go to welfare agencies for assistance. Many of these young people are referred to the Fellowship House, while social workers arrange for work and lodgings.

In the case of transient residents,

it is impossible to relate every circumstance which brings these people to the Fellowship House. Transient residents may be with us overnight, for a day, or for three days.

During the past year we have had sixty persons in residence. The Fellowship House accommodates only eight, so you can judge from this that we have an ever-changing family.

What does the Fellowship House offer these young people? First and foremost, a home where they are accepted as they are. Whether their stay be long or short, the young people are faced with, and helped to deal with, the ever-present problems of how to make wise use of their time, their abilities, and their money. Studies get the students down — it would be easier to quit, and, if no one objected, they would! Endless rounds of interviews with the same reply, "Sorry, you do not have the proper academic qualifications", or "You do not have the required experience", are not at all uplifting. Encouragement is needed. New friends are to be made, and community centres and church youth organizations are recommended as likely spots.

The Fellowship House is used by others than those in residence. Perhaps there are young people in the area who do not have laundry privileges, and cannot afford to go to the local laundromat. The laundry facilities at the Fellowship House are open to these people. For those who do not have friends with whom they can spend time, or cannot afford downtown entertainment on their day off, or who find the leisure evening hours heavy on their hands, the common room is open to them and they can enjoy a book from the library, watch television or perhaps play the piano. Some young people bring their records to play, while others work puzzles, or play crib, in the rumpus room.

Does this home have any influence on the young people? I shall never forget the day a boy walked into the kitchen and said, "My, but I just want to call you 'Mom'," or a boy saying, "I had a ride 'home' last night". Again I hear, "That's the first real 'homelike' Christmas I've ever had", or "That's the second birthday cake I have ever had made for me". These little things we take for granted in our everyday life, but they mean so much to those who have to be away from their own homes and families, some since the age of six.

The project's success does not depend primarily upon the House itself, nor upon what the Staff does, but upon what the young people do for themselves, within this setting. They have provided ample proof to validate the existence of the Fellowship House.

We pray that the year 1962 will see our First National Anniversary Project completed. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a chain of Fellowship Houses right across Canada!

WHEN WE STUDY: — THE END RESULT

by (MRS. WM.) RHODA GEGGIE

IN OUR CLOSING THOUGHTS about "study" we come now to consider what really happens when we study: — the end results. How are we affected by study? How does our study affect others?

We have said before, we need informed and informing women. Certainly one of the results of our study would be that we are better informed — more knowledgeable — more understanding — of the work of our Church at home and overseas. But it does not end there. To be better informed ourselves is a good thing, but it is only one side of the coin. And our study should have taught us we must pass our knowledge on.

All too often, we leave the teaching, and the witnessing, to our Ministers and Missionaries and Deaconesses, consoling ourselves with the thought that, after all, they are trained for the job and we are not. And yet our study must have stirred within us the realization that we have a task — whether we like the idea or not — we are the local Missionaries. We must teach and we must witness here in our own church and community.

The word "witness" scares us. It conjures up visions of people standing on street corners handing out tracts, or getting up in a public place and giving "testimony". These people are witnessing in their way, but we are not all made alike and we cannot all work alike. Witnessing can be just going forward with a welcoming smile, extending a hand in friendship, or doing some small act of kindness.

To many people we may be the only Bible they ever read —

"You are writing a gospel,
a chapter each day,
By the things that you do
and the words that you say.
Men read what you write,
whether faithful or true,
Pray, what is the gospel
according to you?"
(Author Unknown)

This is a sobering thought. We know how weak and ineffectual our witness is at times. And yet our study helps us. It teaches us that in the total mission of our Church there is a place for each one of us. God has given us all talents, and, whatever our capabilities, He can make use of us, if we will only let Him.

Today we are hearing a good deal about the place of women in the Church — the place of women in the total work of the Church. To some this means solely the ordination of women, believing that, once this is an accomplished fact, all wowen will be on an equal footing with men, and will have an equal voice in the Courts of the Church. But this is hardly true, for how many will avail themselves of this privilege?

We must go further than ordination. Just as a successful marriage must be a partnership, so there must be a partnership — a working together — of all of the men and women of our Church. Just as in a family, talents and abilities differ from child to child, yet, in the overall picture of family life, each has an important part, and none is greater than the other.

In the present upsurge of evangelism, surely there is a greater place for the women of the church, but it is only through the study of the Scriptures that the answer will be found. And so, through our study, we come to realize that the total mission of the local church knows no boundaries.

It is not just so many fields or mission stations, or a handful of men and women working in some remote and isolated section of the world. It is the need of the man next door who is out of work; the plight of the unmarried mother; the need of the immigrant for sympathy and understanding; the need of the aged for love and friendship. It is the thirst for knowledge of the Nigerians; the work of evangelism among the Koreans; and the need to replace the Communist Creed with the Christian Gospel. Every man, woman and child in the Church today has a part in this total mission. And every woman member of every congregation is a potential "Missionary Woman".

How are we affected by Study? Surely it makes us conscious of our many blessings in this country today, and brings us to the realization of the Church's urgent need for witnessing women. How does our study affect others? Only to the extent that it affects us.

Won't you tell someone that the Church is waiting to welcome them, comfort and nourish them?

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Keep me quiet, Master,
Patient day by day,
When I would go faster,
Teach me Thy delay.
Restless, oft I borrow
From the future care.
Teach me that to-morrow
Shall its burden bear.

From Thy full provision
Daily richly fed,
By Thy clearer vision
Ever safely led,
Let me to my brothers
Turn a face serene,
Sharing thus with others
Peace from the Unseen. (Selected)

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES

1962

Dates and Places

JULY 9-JULY 13, 1962—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario
JULY 23-JULY 27, 1962—Alberta College, Edmonton, Alberta

Purpose

To provide opportunities, for those carrying leadership responsibilities in certain aspects of Women's Missionary Society Work, to grow —

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in an understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders
- and in spiritual insight and fellowship

Who May Attend

Synodical and Presbyterial
- Presidents
- Secretaries for:
  - —Children's work
  - —Girls' (Teen-Age) work
  - —Adult work

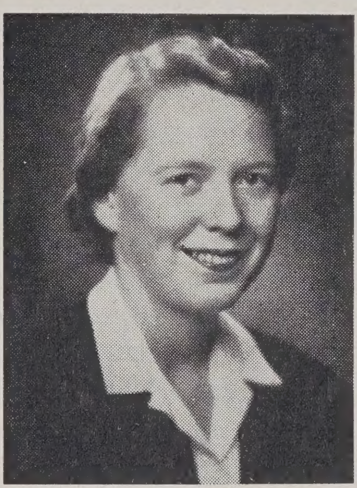
—Officers of all Adult groups in the W.M.S. (Auxiliaries, Affiliated or Associate groups)

—Others delegated to attend by adult groups in the Society

—A limited number of C.O.C., Explorer, and C.G.I.T. leaders interested in leadership skills.

KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND AND WATCH FOR FURTHER PUBLICITY

ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS



MISS WOODRUFF

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT is happy to announce the appointment of Miss Barbara Woodruff as Regional Secretary to the Synod of Alberta. Miss Woodruff came on the staff during December 1961. Since that time, she has been sharing in meetings of the various committees, working in the office, attending Staff Conferences, and the meetings of the Board of Christian Education. She began her work in Alberta early in April.

Miss Woodruff's home is in Kearney, Ontario. She attended High School in Burk's Falls and Peterborough Business College. Before entering the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School from which she graduated in 1958, Miss Woodruff had several years of secretarial experience in Huntsville. From May 1958 she served, most acceptably, as Director of Christian Education in Knox Church, Goderich, Ontario. Miss Woodruff's experience both as a member and leader of Church groups, as well as her training, fits her to give the type of leadership required of a Regional Secretary.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Estimates for 1962 — (As Adjusted)

Executive Director — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

INDIA

Jhansi Field	
Salaries:	
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 7,700.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Educational	4,400.00
General Maintenance and Repairs	1,800.00

Mission Business	450.00	
Medical Assistance — Helen MacDonald Memorial School, Jhansi	300.00	
India Total		$ 14,650.00
Bhil Field:		
Salaries:		
Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N.	$ 22,700.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	2,680.00	
Medical — Mobile Units	4,800.00	
Educational — School and Hostels	5,590.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	550.00	
General Maintenance and repairs	5,000.00	
Mission Business	370.00	
Bhil Total	$ 18,990.00	$ 41,690.00
Co-operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College		
Grant to Vellore	1,150.00	
Mrs. L. W. Gehman, salary	2,700.00	
Ludhiana:		
Grant to Ludhiana Maintenance	1,600.00	
Miss A. Prendergast, Reg.N., salary (balance of salary paid by Knox Church)	900.00	
Expenses	75.00	
Indore:		
Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.Sc.N. — Salary and Expenses	2,900.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	10,375.00
India Total		$ 66,715.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:		
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan	$ 5,100.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Missionaries Rent	1,000.00	
Car Allowance and other travel	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
Deaconesses, and Student Deaconesses	2,000.00	
British Guiana Total		9,350.00

AFRICA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T.	$ 5,100.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and travel	750.00	
General Expenses	500.00	
Training Courses, etc.	1,000.00	
Contingency	200.00	
Africa Total		7,550.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:		
Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A.	$ 10,800.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Tamkan Middle School	3,000.00	
Evangelism	2,360.00	
Field Work	1,025.00	
Travel	1,500.00	
Maintenance of Property	500.00	
Mission Business	250.00	
Conferences	300.00	
Hsin Chu Bible School (Kindergarten Teacher)	1,000.00	
Formosan Secretaries' Consultation	110.00	
Formosa Total		$ 20,845.00

KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Salaries:		
Miss Tamiko Nakamura	$ 2,500.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Expenses — Miss Nakamura	1,200.00	
Christian Education Leadership	5,800.00	
Young People's Camp	200.00	
Koreans in Japan Total		$ 9,700.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to Fields: Miss Ida White, Miss Irene Stringer	$ 1,600.00	
Coming from Fields: Miss Lily Simpson, Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Helen Acton	2,100.00	
Cost of Living in Canada: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Helen Acton, Miss Lily Simpson, Miss Ida White, Miss Irene Stringer	1,600.00	
Travel in Canada for consultation with Council Executive	200.00	5,500.00
Executive Director—		
Salary	$ 4,100.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Secretary	2,900.00	7,500.00
Overseas Contingency		10,145.00
Director's Administrative Visits (1962) Portion		1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions		1,000.00
OVERSEAS TOTAL		$139,305.00

SUPPLY FUND ESTIMATE—1962

(as revised)

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Jhansi Field:		
Widows and Orphans	$ 30.00	
General Maintenance and repairs	150.00	

Bhil Field:		
Evangelistic	126.00	
Medical — Mobile Units	1,260.00	
Educational — Schools and Hostel	4,482.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	945.00	
British Guiana:		
Church School Teacher Training and Vacation Church School	500.00	
Formosa:		
Christian Education	250.00	
Music Centre	250.00	
Medical Supplies	600.00	
Missionaries' Expenses	300.00	
New Work	1,000.00	9,893.00
NATIONAL MISSIONS		3,000.00
		$ 12,893.00

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UNTIL

I never knew Thee, Lord — until
My garden brought us face to face;
Revealed by gracious miracle
Of sun and rain in little space.
Since I have seen Thine alchemy
Change earth's brown bulbs to living gold
Daffodils—Eternity
Has seemed a simple truth to hold.
The incense breath of mignonette has
Summoned me to vespers, too;
And may I never more forget
To lift my heart, as pansies do.
No dim cathedral is so still
As twilight in this holy place —
I never knew Thee, Lord, until —
My garden brought us face to face. (Selected)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE QUIET CRUSADERS By Henry L. McCorkle

In this thought-provoking book, which tells the true stories of some twenty "Quiet Crusaders" — evangelical Christians in a dozen Latin American countries, who, by their own lives and influence on those about them as teachers, publishers, evangelists, industrial workers and leaders in many everyday occupations, are demonstrating their faith as a creative force in Latin America — Mr. McCorkle points out very clearly that the Churches of the Reformation are in these lands to stay, and that the peoples of the whole Western hemisphere are beginning to realize that our destiny lies together, as one hemisphere under one great bond — Christianity.

Mr. McCorkle has always been deeply interested in Latin America, and writes from the authority of his own observations made on three extensive trips through these lands from Cuba to Argentina and Chile, and his interviews with hundreds of Protestant nationals in each country. Each of these biographies is graphically told, factually true, and spellbinding in its power and simplicity. All who have read "Land of Eldorado" by Santo Uberto Barbiere, will find this book equally enthralling and informative. Of his book the Author says — "The spirit of the Reformation is at last working in Latin America. This book is written as a tribute to that spirit in the minds and hearts of contemporary Latin Americans. It is a series of word sketches about real people, showing how this spirit works, and how it is helping to change at least one continent." Price — $2.95 cloth; $1.95 paper.

COME SEE A MAN By Grace Noll Crowell

Anything written by this talented Christian woman is beautifully done and thoroughly worth-while, whether it be poetry, prose, or essay, and this book of Devotions is no exception. Each of the twenty-one Chapters is complete it itself, and is a Devotional on some particular phase in the life of Jesus. It begins with a quotation from Scripture, is followed by a Meditation of great beauty and meaning, and ends with a brief prayer. Fifteen of Mrs. Crowell's poems are included in the book, each one a gem in its own right. This is a book to be used daily, and to read again and again for the sheer beauty of its wordage, as well as its uplifting messages. Price — $1.60.

ADVENTURES IN PARENTHOOD By William Talieferro Thompson

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A CHILD'S PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

God, make my Mother's dream come true —
She dreamed her child would be
Endowed with strength, yet gentle, too
And blessed with gaiety.

God, let me to my Mother bring
True honour — let me raise
My life to her, a gallant thing,
A hymn of living praise!

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Youth Impressions of the Delhi Conference
and
A Visit to the Jhansi and Bhil Fields

by MISS PATRICIA HANNA

Youth Delegate from Canada

In last month's issue, I was describing the general atmosphere and background of the World Council Assembly in New Delhi. This month I'd like to tell you a little more of the youth participation and reactions. As I mentioned earlier, the youth participants came together a week before the Assembly for a pre-assembly conference. During this week we discussed many of the matters that were to come before the Assembly, and so found ourselves fairly well prepared for some of the ideas that were developed there. This was due in no small part to the contribution of the Asian and African youth delegates, who told us of many of the problems facing the Christian churches in their countries.

The three sub-themes of the Assembly were Unity, Witness, and Service. One of the recurrent ideas in the various meetings was that of witnessing through service. Youth are very interested in service and during the youth conference we had discussed this same idea. We felt that the Church must re-examine its role as "the suffering servant of a servant Lord". Many of the African and Asian youth delegates had criticized their churches for wanting to hold on to the traditional structures and institutions, and for not seeking new avenues of service. In some Asian and African countries the governments have now reached the point where they are able and anxious to take over the educational and medical work. Some Africans stated that the churches should let the governments assume responsibility for schools and hospitals, and turn to new channels of service. For example, there was a strong feeling that the churches should make a witness in politics, in view of the political turmoil in these countries. Not only the youth but also most of the adult delegates seemed to feel that our churches are too afraid of the secular world, whereas they should be making their witness through service in every aspect of life.

As for Unity, the youth delegates were impatient about many of the statements heard. Their impression was that they were hearing the same ideas, about a need for greater unity among the Christian churches, that had already been expressed at the second Assembly held at Evanston, U.S.A. in 1954, and that it was time for the churches to make a more serious effort to achieve greater signs of unity.

One issue with which the youth are particularly concerned is the matter of inter-communion. At the European Ecumenical Youth Assembly held in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1960, the young people had drafted a statement on inter-communion in which they expressed their desire of seeing their churches strive harder towards achieving inter-communion. This statement was forwarded to the World Council of Churches, but the young people did not feel that the churches had treated it seriously enough. As a result, another statement was drawn up at the youth camp in Delhi and presented to the Assembly, in the hope that the day will yet arrive when we will be able to meet together at the Lord's table.

After four weeks of constant discussion with Christians from all over the world, it was a complete change when the Assembly ended to do some travelling, and visit our Indian mission fields. My first stop was at Jhansi, a six-hour train ride south of Delhi. I was met at the station by Mr. Russell Self and his four children. The train had been late getting in because of a slow-down in the train schedule, caused by the movement of troops to Goa. Since it was now night I received little impression of my surroundings as we arrived at the Helen MacDonald Memorial School for girls. I was warmly received by our three W.M.S. missionaries, Edith (Maggie) Magee, Margaret Leask, and Diana Wadsworth. Diana had sent me a welcoming note at Delhi, in which she reminded me that we had been together at the Ontario College of Education. She had recently finished many months of language study, and was teaching science and physical education at the school. I must admit that one of my pleasures this first night was to sleep indoors, after spending a month in a tent.

In the next few days I visited the school, in which I, as a teacher, was naturally interested. The girls were busy writing examinations, and sat on the floor in front of low desks. When I visited the dormatories, I noticed the large expanse of walls which the girls had tried to decorate by means of calendars, and religious pictures. However, they certainly would welcome many more large pictures to make their rooms more attractive.

The older girls are responsible for making some of their meals, and I was quite impressed to find them squatting on their heels — a favourite position in the East — busy sifting grain, cutting vegetables, rolling dough, and cooking their "chapatis" (a type of pancake, which serves as bread). Those who were not writing examinations had their classes outside, where they could enjoy the warm winter sunlight. They made an attractive picture as they dotted the grass in their mauve school uniforms.

I was to visit the Bhil field next, but had some trouble getting there since there is no direct connection between Jhansi and that area, and also because of the irregular movement of trains during the Goa crisis. The problem was solved in the following way. Mr. Angus MacKay, one of our Jhansi missionaries, drove Mr. Rayner, Editor of The Presbyterian Record, Mr. Stuart Coles, Secretary of Lay Studies, and Mrs. Coles, who were also staying at Jhansi, and myself, north to Gwalior. There we stayed with the Reverend Moti Lall, one of our Indian pastors, whom some of you may have met when he visited Canada. The next morning Mr. Lall and Mr. MacKay drove me to the bus station at 5 A.M., where I started out on an all-day trip which deposited me at 7 A.M. at Indore, 100 miles north of the Bhil field. I was met by Agnes Hislop, from the Mendha mission, and Pauline Brown, public health nurse for our area.

As one approaches Mendha, one sees Bhil men, in loin-cloths and loosely wrapped turbans, trudging along the road carrying long bows and arrows. The women catch the eye, because of their bangles, and a type of "harem trousers" they wear. In the station wagon we passed through several creeks which can be unsurpassable in the rainy season. People, recognizing the car, raised their hands to their foreheads, and greeted us with cries of "salaam".

The next day I visited the homes of the Bhils who live on the mission compound. There were nine houses, four of them inhabited by elderly widows. One old lady was blind, and it made me quite nervous to see her making a meal over an open fire. I was sure she would burn herself, but Agnes assured me that she had lived alone and managed very well for years.

One afternoon I attended the Thank-Offering meeting of a women's group, held on the floor of the church verandah. The pastor's wife conducted the service this day, and very well organized it was. The women followed along from prepared sheets of paper. We all sat in a circle, and the thank-offering of each woman, consisting of bags of produce, grains, peanuts, etc., was deposited in the centre of the circle, one by one. At the end of the meeting the contents of the bags were poured out and sold.

Another day we drove to Amkhut, situated in the heart of this hill country, travelling there via the back route through the jungle, so that I might have a more interesting ride. I kept hoping that I would catch a glimpse of some wild animal, but none was to be seen. At Amkhut, where Agnes and I stayed overnight, I visited the school, hostels, baby orphanage, and clinic, and met the missionaries there. There are 275 pupils in the school, which goes to Grade 8, the end of Intermediate (equivalent to Grade 10 in Canada as to age). Five village primary schools send pupils here after Grade 3. Miss Bea Scott took me around to the various classes, many of which were being held on the hill-side. When I think back I can see a lot of good projects to help this school — the supplying of a chair, a desk, books, or even a scholarship to keep a pupil in school. Miss Mary Sherrick, who has been out here for many years, told me that they would like to operate camps for the children, at the hill village of Toran Mal, during the hot season in May.

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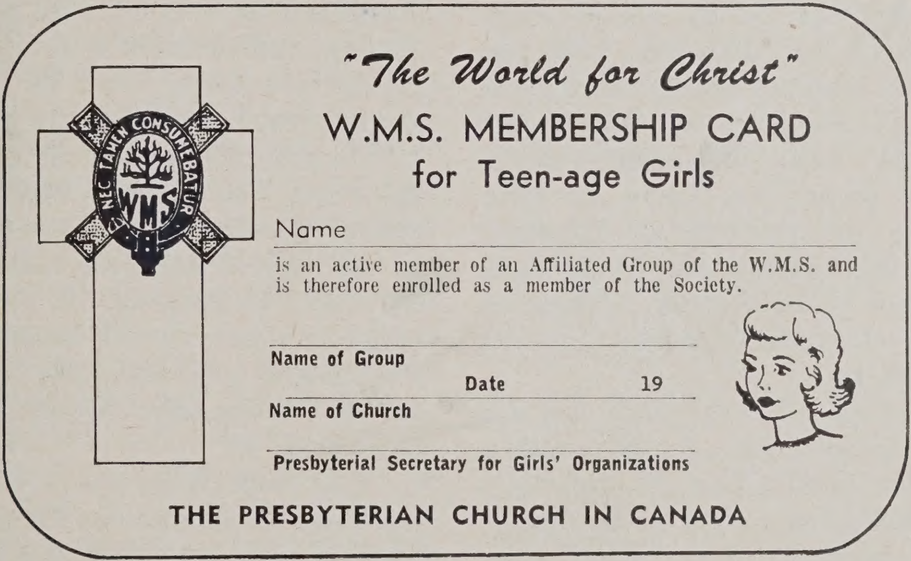
Miss Teen-Ager

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT CARD?

by BARBARA J. WOODRUFF



"The World for Christ"

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for Teen-age Girls

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Name of Group

Date **19**

Name of Church

Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Organizations

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

"It sure is hot! Let's get some pop, I'm dying of thirst."

"That's a good idea, Joan! It will feel good to sit down. We must have walked miles."

Joan and Marg made their way into "Marty's". By the time they got all their parcels into the booth there was barely room for them to sit. They managed to squeeze in and Marg took out her wallet, chose some music on the juke box, and sighed as she listened for the first strains of her favorite hit. As the waitress took their order, Joan reached for the bulging wallet that lay on the table in front of Marg.

"May I look at your pictures, Marg?"

"Oh sure!" Marg replied, "Let me see yours too. I love looking at pictures, don't you?"

"Uh-huh. There's a bunch in mine of our sports day at school. I got one of every one of the football team. Wow! They're really terrific." The pop was cool, and the girls sipped it as they sorted through the pictures, careful not to mix them.

"What's this, Marg? How come you belong to the W.M.S.?" Joan asked, holding up a white identification card with blue lettering on it. "I thought just women, like Mom, belonged to that."

"Oh, that's different, Joan. It's from C.G.I.T. Don't you have one?"

"No. I never saw anything like this around our C.G.I.T."

"Well, that's funny. We got ours the night we affiliated with the W.M.S., after our Mission Study was finished. We gave our offering for the girls' project that night. Ours is a new group, you know, so Mrs. Phillips the Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Organizations — see she's signed it at the bottom — came to our meeting and explained what affiliation is."

"Tell me what she said. I'm not too sure just what it is." Joan asked.

"Mrs. Phillips said it's something like belonging to the same family. We're interested in the same thing, and we help each other.

"These cards are membership cards for Teenage girls. Mrs. Phillips had these all filled in with the name of our C.G.I.T. group and our Church and the date. When we got them we just put our names on them. I can't figure out why you didn't get one when you affiliated. Maybe they only give them to new groups."

"Oh, Marg, that doesn't seem right." Joan turned the card over. "Look, on the back it says any group can be affiliated if they participate in the Mission Study and in the Girls' Offering Project to the W.M.S. I wonder if that means any group at all — like Guides or 4-H or any kind of girl's club?"

"That's right, it does," Marg said. "Mrs. Phillips said it didn't have to be C.G.I.T. If some other group participates in the Mission Study and the Offering Project they're glad to have them in their family. The World Friendship Badge though, that is just for C.G.I.T. We got one of them and the card too.

"Do you know what the badge means, Joan? I can't figure it out."

"Oh yes! We learned all about it this year. The diamond here in the centre," Joan pointed to the picture on the back of the card, "stands for the C.G.I.T. purpose. It has four points, you see, cherish health, seek truth, know God, and serve others."

"Oh," Marg said. "Go on, what's the rest of it?"

"The circle is for the world and the Cross is the gospel. These little lines coming up from the Cross, where it touches the water, mean the light of the gospel being spread from sea to sea. That's our C.G.I.T. work. We learned the C.G.I.T. Song 'From Sea to Sea in Canada' while we were studying this. It's the prettiest song and it seems to make the badge mean so much more."

"Am I ever glad we got talking about this, Joan! I've been wondering about that ever since I got the badge but I always forget to ask."

"It's so odd that we didn't get

the cards. I think I'll go ask Mrs. Adams, our C.G.I.T. leader. Come on, we'll show her your card and find out if we can get them. She lives just two blocks from us."

The girls took their parcels home, deposited them in the front hall and hurried off again.

"Hi, Mrs. Adams!" Joan called to her friend on the lawn. They came up to her and Joan introduced Margaret. "Marg is my cousin. She lives in Tucky. Their C.G.I.T. group got cards at affiliation, and I wondered why we didn't."

"What kind of cards do you mean, Joan?" Mrs. Adams asked.

"Show her your card, Marg." Marg handed the card to Mrs. Adams as Joan continued, "See, they're to carry in your wallet."

Mrs. Adams studied the card with interest. "Well Joan, I didn't know you could get these. But there are lots of things I don't know. I'm just now getting used to leading C.G.I.T. They're for all affiliated groups. Do you think the girls would like to get them when we have our reaffiliation?"

"Oh, I think so, Mrs. Adams! I really would like to have one. But someone will have to sign it like Mrs. Phillips did. What did you call her, Marg?"

"Presbyterial Secretary for Girls' Organizations."

"Yes, Presbyterial Secretary. Do we have one?"

"You remember Miss Guthrie at our Mother and Daughter Banquet, don't you? I'll write to her and see if I can get a sample card. We will have it at our first meeting in the fall, and the girls can decide if they would like to have them. If they do I'll get in touch with Miss Guthrie and arrange it."

"That's swell, Mrs. Adams."

Joan and Marg stood to leave but were glad to accept Mrs. Adams' invitation for ice cream and cake. It really hit the spot on such a hot day.

(To the Leader:

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"Forth in Thy name O Lord, I go
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do."

Boys and Girls!

"DOERS OF THE WORD"!

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

IT WAS a sunny Saturday morning. This week, the Explorers had decided to have a hiking expedition. So that they could have more time than usual, they had decided to meet on Saturday. Billy had not come to the church, and so the boys and girls had stopped at his house on the way.

"There he is in the backyard," said Tim. "Hey! Billy! Aren't you coming on the hike?" he called.

"No. I can't," Billy called back. Then he put his rake safely against the house, and came over to the boys and girls. "I've got to work today," he went on. "Daddy has always looked after the garden. But he got his legs hurt in that accident a couple of months ago, you know. He can't do it this year. He just got home from the hospital the other day. It's past time for the garden to be planted and so he's telling Kenny and me what to do and we're doing it, — or trying to," he laughed.

"You mean you're going to plant that big garden all by yourselves?" asked Tim.

"Sure," said Billy. "Mr. Miller brought his little garden-tiller over yesterday and ploughed it. Now we have to get it ready for planting. Then we'll put the seeds and stuff in.

"Daddy says we should be thankful for such a big garden. You see, there's Mummy and Daddy, and then there's me, I'm the oldest, and then Kenny, Barbara, Karen and Bobby. That's seven of us altogether. Daddy's been off work for two months already. He won't be well enough to go back for a long time yet. There's going to be a lot of big bills to pay before very long. Our vegetable garden will help us a lot, because vegetables don't cost nearly as much when you grow them in your own garden as they do at the store.

"It looks like a big job. It is, — but it's fun! It's helping Mummy and Daddy, too, so we don't mind if it is a big job, do we Kenny?" he said bravely, as he put his arm around his little brother.

"I'm sorry you can't come on the hike," said Tim. "But you do have a lot of work to do. We can see that.

We'll tell you all about it the next time we see you."

"Bye, Billy," called the girls and boys as they started off on their way again.

They had not gone far when Mrs. Thompson, their Explorer Counsellor, noticed that Tim was very quiet. "Hmmm, that's not like Tim," she said to herself. "I wonder what he's thinking about."

Soon they were at the park. "Let's sit down and rest a minute," said Peter. "That was quite a walk. Say, what's wrong, Tim?" he asked looking at his friend.

"Yes," said Marjie, "what *is* wrong Tim? You've been so quiet since we left Billy's house, we've hardly known you were with us. Don't you feel well? Tim?"

Suddenly Tim jumped. "I'm sorry," he said. "I didn't hear you at first. I was thinking."

"Thinking!" laughed Janey. "What about? Not us I hope!"

"Yes I was," said Tim, "and about Billy and Kenny, too. Mrs. Thompson," he said as he looked at the Counsellor, "we're not very good Explorers are we?"

"What do you mean, Tim?" asked Mrs. Thompson.

"Well, it's just that, at every expedition we have, we say that we will be 'doers of the word and not hearers only'. Isn't there more to it than just saying the words? We've heard at Church School, and at Explorers, too," he went on, "about all the nice things Jesus did for people. We've heard how He helped them. We've heard the stories He told about being good and kind, dozens of times. We've heard about how He helped others before He ever thought of Himself. We know that He said we must be good neighbors and show that we love one another.

"I was just thinking about those things, and Billy and Kenny, and us," Tim still went on. "Mrs. Thompson, is it too late for us to go back and help Billy and Kenny with their work?" he asked. "It's such a big garden! If their Daddy told us what to do we could help, too. I know we could. Anyway, we could go on a hike another day."

"Tim! What a wonderful idea!" said Jim. "Let's go!"

"We can stop at our house on the way," said Janey. "We've got two rakes."

"I think there are two or three rakes at the church. I'm sure it will be all right for us to borrow them," said Mrs. Thompson.

"We can all share our lunches with Billy and Kenny," said Marjie.

"And with their Mummy and Daddy and Barbara, and Karen and Bobby, too," laughed Jim. "We all brought lots more than we'll ever eat."

"I'm glad you thought of this, Tim," said Mrs. Thompson, as the excited children started back down the road.

"So am I," smiled Tim. "It is good to help a friend. It will be fun, too, to 'be doers of the word and not hearers only'."

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

(Synodical News from Hamilton and London, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Manitoba has been held for the June issue.)

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. Fidler, presided at both Sessions of the Annual Meeting of Superior Presbyterial, which met in First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William, Ontario,* with the Theme, "Looking Forward." The Devotional Period was conducted by Miss Catharine Denholm, of Fellowship House, *Winnipeg,* who was introduced by Mrs. Charles LeCocq; the Evening Devotional was given by Mrs. G. McCutcheon, the former Miss Margaret MacKenzie, of *Formosa;* who later gave an illustrated Address on "Christian Education in Formosa". Miss C. Denholm told of the Presbyterian Fellowship House, a real "home away from home". Mrs. W. Fairley was Soloist. In the fine Literature Report, given by Mrs. K. Hearnden on behalf of Mrs. R. Rose, new books were introduced, and the new "In Remembrance" Cards discussed.

Regional Secretary, Miss Dorothy Keller, summarized the Secretaries' Reports; Mrs. K. Hearnden reported on "The Promotion of Women in the Church"; and the Children of the Church, led by Mrs. W. Ingles, gave a Missionary Presentation, using Prayer and Hymns. Synodical President, Mrs. H. J. Loney closed the Afternoon Session with Prayer.

Supper was served by the ladies of the Church, and the C.G.I.T. Groups gave several Skits. President, Mrs. J. Fidler, presided; the Rev. W. Inglis pronounced Grace; Mrs. R. Hillier welcomed the guests, and in her reply, Mrs. W. A. Hunter, of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* invited the Presbyterial to hold the 1963 Annual Meeting in the *Port Arthur* Church. Other Speakers were Dr. A. H. Johnston, First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William;* Mr. Fairley, of Calvin and Oliver Road, and Mrs. D. R. Conlon, of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur.* Miss Dorothy Keller conducted the Installation Service, when Mrs. G. McDougall, of *Fort William,* succeeded Mrs. J. Fidler, as President for 1962.

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LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. D. Whalen, presided at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lindsay,* when Miss Mary A. Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker, and, at both Sessions, brought the whole Mission Field to her audience, in her outstanding illustrated Addresses. Mrs. W. Wallace, President of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, welcomed the 150 members in attendance and the Rev. E. Grant MacDonald, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. Treasurer, Mrs. H. McIntyre, reported increased givings, and Historian, Mrs. D. McEachern, gave an interesting Report. All Departments showed progress. Discussion Groups on the Centenary plans, and the Presbyterial work, brought pertinent facts and questions before the whole meeting in their summing-up remarks. The 1962 Executive was installed by the Rev. G. O. Locke, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL—"Is Christianity Worth-While?", was the subject of Miss Hazel Macdonald's Address at the Annual Meeting of Saugeen Presbyterial, in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Harriston,* when President, Mrs. E. S. McArthur presided. Showing slides of the work in Taiwan, Miss Macdonald told of the country, and its people, and the changes Christianity has brought into their lives, both physically and spiritually. Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Clements, of *Palmerston;* the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Holstein;* and the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, of *Harriston.* Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. Mr. Wilkie, and Mrs. G. Hastings welcomed the large gathering. The Reports were dedicated by Mrs. Eccles, of *Rocky Saugeen.* Roll Call was a Scripture verse containing the word "Serve". Mrs. Vale, of *Harriston* was Soloist. The "In Memoriam" Service, prepared by Mrs. A. Marshall, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Normandy,* was read by Mrs. G. Hastie, of *Harriston.* Miss Clare Haines, Regional Secretary, spoke on "Leadership", and Mrs. Saunders expressed the appreciation of the Presbyterial to Mrs. McArthur for her leadership as President for the past 3½ years. Miss Hazel Macdonald conducted the Installation Service for the 1962 Executive, and Mrs. McArthur closed the Sessions with prayer.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. John C. McFarlane, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Bonar Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* The Theme, "Jesus Christ The Light of The World" was carried through the Devotional Period by Mrs. J. A. Koffend, and in the challenging Address given by the Rev. H. W. Zegerius, B.Th., B.D., Minister of Bonar Church. Greetings were brought by the Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery, who also installed the Executive for 1962. In recognition of her faithful service in W.M.S. work, Miss Emily Lowther received an Honorary Membership from the Presbyterial. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, presided when Reports were presented, and a Question-and-Answer Period followed, on problems submitted at the Auxiliary level, each of which was answered by the Departmental Secretary concerned. With coloured slides, Miss Hazel Macdonald illustrated her evangelistic work in *Taiwan, Formosa,* and told how the Formosan women prepare for their own World Day of Prayer Programme, by printing it in Taiwanese and Mandarin, so that the Mountain People may share in this world-wide Service of Worship. Gospel messages, she said, are sent in helium-filled balloons, from the off-shore islands of *Quemoy* and *Matsu* to the *Red China Mainland*. Most of these island people now live in tunnels, to protect themselves from the frequent Communist bombing raids. "There is a great need still, in *Formosa,* for assistance from the W.M.S. in Canada", concluded Miss Macdonald.

When the Mary McKerroll Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* celebrated its 25th Anniversary, with President Elizabeth Keir in the Chair, ten Charter Members were present, and the Past President, Elizabeth Wylie, gave an historical résumé of Auxiliary work since 1937. Mrs. J. G. Inkster paid tribute to the late Mrs. D. T. L. (Mary) McKerroll, whose name is perpetuated by the Auxiliary. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Hugh McMillan, late of *Formosa;* Mrs. John Y. Fraser, a former Honorary President, and Mrs. John C. McFarlane, President of West Toronto Presbyterial. Guests included several former members, and representatives from the different Groups in Victoria Church. Honorary Memberships were presented to two Charter Members, who are both Past Presidents — Miss Mary Barlow, and Miss Helen Rae. Past President, Mrs. Ralph Ackerman, presided at the Tea Table, and Past President, Mrs. George H. Lee, lit three candles, representing Past, Present, and Future, and cut the Anniversary Cake. On the previous Sunday, flowers were placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Mrs. McKerroll, and members who had been called to Higher Service.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—President Mrs. Carmen Brown, *Cardinal, Ontario,* presided at both sessions of the Annual Meeting of *Brockville* Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Kemptville, Ont.* Mrs. R. Milne, *Kemptville,* welcomed visitors, to which Mrs. C. Robinson, of *Winchester,* replied. The Guest Speaker, Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, *Toronto,* spoke twice, her subjects being, "The Whole Missionary Family", and "Who Shall Sit Down With Us In The Kingdom of God?" Synodical President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, brought greetings, and Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, gave a brief outline of her work. Mrs. M. MacInnes, *Spencerville,* conducted Morning Devotions, on "Peace", and members of *Cardinal* W.M.S. Auxiliary, gave the Afternoon Devotions. Secretarial Reports were accepted, and dedicated by Mrs. Millwood, *Prescott.* Mrs. H. Graham closed the Morning Session with prayer. Lunch was served by ladies of the *Kemptville* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. E. Munro presented the Report of the Anniversaries Committee. The May Rally of this Presbyterial will be held in *Morewood* on May 24th and the next Annual Meeting will be held in *Brockville.* Mrs. A. S. Curr installed the 1962 Executive, with Mrs. Carmen Brown, of *Cardinal,* returned as President.

Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. A. Reynolds, Mrs. M. Harper, Mrs. E. Hawkes and Mrs. G. Arthurs at the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg.* Presentations were made by Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. A. M. Riley, and, on behalf of the Children of the Church, Sylvia Hawkes and Wendy Arthurs presented the Certificates to their Mothers. President, Mrs. Lorne Kincaid, presided, and a New Year's Message was read from Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council. Mrs. A. N. Riley and Mrs. E. Hawkes conducted the Study Period, and the 1962 Officers were installed by the Rev. Everett Hawkes.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Carleton Place,* the Rev. Ronald Rowat, Synod Superintendent of Missions, Guest Speaker, speaking on the theme of the Meeting, "What doth God require of thee?" The Treasurer, Mrs. J. Culhane, of *Renfrew,* who has served in this office for 27 years, and on the Executive for 30 years, retired from Office at this Meeting.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Doris Blaise, Presbyterial President, spoke on "The Family Tree In Our Church", when the Women's Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church, *Ile Perrot,* became the first group in this area, in 1962, to affiliate with the W.M.S. The Affiliation Service was conducted by Mrs. R. B. Calhoun, Vice-President, *Lake Shore Area,* with President, Mrs. L. Noble, presiding and Mrs. Ralph Kendall introducing the guests — Miss Alice Anderson, Miss Jean Brown, Mrs. Keith Markell, and Mrs. Leslie Davies, of *Montreal.*

The Annual Meeting of Montreal Presbyterial was held in McVicar Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Montreal.* A highlight of the two-day Meeting was the presence of Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of W.M.S. Council, who was the Guest Speaker. The Rev. John Allan spoke at the Youth Congress, and Miss Lois Powrie, the new Regional Secretary, also took part in the Youth Programme. Reports showed a membership of $2,471; offerings of $27,481; $2,766 contributed to the Anniversary Projects; and 1,044 subscriptions to "Glad Tidings". Visiting Missionaries during the year were Miss Margaret Ramsay of *British Guiana;* Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Irene Stringer, of *India*. The new President is Mrs. Ronald Rowat, *Montreal*.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of *Ottawa* Presbyterial, held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* and at the Evening Meeting the Rev. Geoffrey Johnston, on furlough from *Nigeria,* spoke on "The Work of the Modern Missionary". The new Executive was installed by Mrs. A. S. Curr, with Mrs. Peace Montgomery, the new President. During the year, Knox Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. Lorne Kennedy, formerly of *Ottawa* and now of *Montreal;* the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, presented an Honorary Membership to Miss Phoebe Spratt.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Herbert Mayhew, presided at the Annual Meeting of *Quebec* Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* and welcomed the new Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, who spoke briefly. Mrs. Philip Boy, of *Scotstown,* Presbyterial Vice-President, conducted the Devotional Period, on the theme, "Faith". Secretarial Reports showed an active year. Miss Aline Morrison, of *Sherbrooke,* presented the slate of 1962 Officers, and Miss Lois Powrie conducted the Installation Service. Lunch was served by the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Sherbrooke*.

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"Then all at once, I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze!"
(Wordsworth)

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"BESIDE THE STILL WATERS"

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THEY ARE INDEED "still waters" — deep and dark, strong, silent, and changeless as Eternity itself — the beautiful brown waters of Muskoka, which I look upon this summer day, with their picturesque winding shorelines mirrored faithfully in every enchanting line and curve; their myriads of rocky islands, like green bouquets of beautiful foliage scattered over the waters, each one forever firmly anchored by the Omnipotent Hand of God, within its own appointed place, to freely give of shelter and of peace! For untold ages, the white gulls have drifted down with wearied wings to rest upon their comforting bosoms; generation after generation of songbirds from far distant lands have winged their long way here to rest, and to rear their young in safety among the fragrant pines, and where the verdant maples cast their shade on velvet carpets of green moss and fern, clothing rock and earth alike. Shy deer have looked out from young thickets, with large and limpid eyes, and little woodland creatures of every sort and kind have found their beloved sanctuary near those sheltered coves, where gentle waves forever roll upon a sun-warmed shore. Indians, long ago, in their birch canoes knew well the many pathways of these deep, hidden channels, and where the big lake salmon lurked in quiet waters, where the high, rocky headlands cast their shade — knew, too, where groves of slender birch grew to secret perfection, waiting to give of their white bark to make those frail canoes, which were, in fact, so sturdy and so swift.

Always, here, even as today, the sun has reached warm fingers deeply into the tranquil depths, and set the diamonds gleaming on the top of each dancing wave; the moon has been still white magic over the darkened waters in the quiet nights; and the stars in the dusky velvet sky have seemed to duplicate themselves a myriad times in the dappled mirror of the murmuring waters beneath. Never, in all the long aeons of their existence, have these waters changed, or ceased to give of their comforting peace and loveliness. Only the ways of the world, and its peoples, have changed, and the eyes which now look upon them are so often world-weary, tired and worried eyes, needing, more than passing years could ever equal, perhaps, the timeless balm of their peace and permanence; the firm assurance of that message of unfailing and unchanging truth, unfolded there, that "God is still in His Heaven", and so, in His good time, all still must be right within this world of beauty which is His, and given for His children here on earth to value, preserve, and enjoy in peace, as He created it. Truly, the words of the Beloved Psalm speak very clearly here — "He leadeth me by the still waters. He restoreth my soul — "

Sitting here, alone for a little while, where the sunshine is warm, and the gentle waters of the river, leading to the locks, are busy with little launches hurrying around the bend, somehow, I am filled to the brim with the poignant loveliness and goodness of it all, and all its dear familiarity is a sudden fragrance of memory and delight! It is good to see that the great old oaks, the tall maples, and the old gnarled apple-trees, which gave so bountifully of their goodly fruit all through the young remembered years, have all survived the raids of the voracious Tent Caterpillars, and are green and beautiful still. It is sad never again to hear the long-drawn-out whistle of the "Big Boats" re-echoing up and down the river, as they used to do for so many years, when everyone hurried down to watch them "through the locks"; and to realize that truly these are gone forever — without them now, the waters seem lost and forlorn indeed. And my very special Bird Neighbour is here to welcome me, too — only now, of course, it must be one of his descendants! He is a woodpecker, I think, with a brilliant red tuft on his head, and, like his Great-Grand-Daddy perhaps, he seems to have inherited the nest deep inside the high telephone pole just across the road. He has a nice round hole through which to pop in and out, and, when he is weary of well-doing, he sits cosily inside, on some sort of ledge or perch, with just his pretty head and bright black eyes outside. Probably relaying choice bits of news to his demure little wife tending the babies inside — no doubt, just now, concerning the strange human who watches his doing with such interest!

I don't remember seeing, anywhere in all my travelling-about, such perfectly gorgeous petunias, or such large and fragrant sweet peas, as I see everywhere in Muskoka. Perhaps there is something special about the atmosphere, or the altitude, which is responsible — nobody seems to know, but they are a riot of loveliness and colour everywhere I look, especially the petunias. From where I sit, I look down upon a grey stone wall, which is literally a carpet of rich tones in rose, pinks, and mauves; and all of the river, as far as I can see, is bordered by petunia beds, high on the banks, and clambering right to the water's edge, where the beautiful colourings smile back from the dimpling waters. Window-boxes on white cottages are a glory of colour; every house along the wooded roads is gay with them — great white petunias, like white moths among all the blaze of colour, and soft pink ones, which are double, look just like carnations and smell as sweet! It must be very lovely here in lilac-time, too — there are so many lilac trees about, and all bear evidence of rich and heavy bloom. Did you know, I wonder, that according to ancient legend, lilacs are the guardians of the household? That is why, more than likely, we find lilac bushes always blooming beside old houses, still showering their white, and purple, loveliness on the perfumed air, even though they blossom there beside a forlorn and deserted door. They dot the countryside, everywhere, to mark thepatch of the pioneer woman, wherever she had her dwelling, across the strange new land. Little cuttings of them came over with the household effects of the very first settlers, lovingly cherished by some flower-loving woman, and secretly tucked away to give her comfort in the lonely days ahead. Even the lilacs, themselves, were migrants, could she but have known it. One variety originated in China, but most of the ones we know best originally grew wild in the Balkan Mountains, from where they spread everywhere throughout Europe, eventually finding their way to America with the early pioneers.

The robins in the big old maple tree beside me are trying to teach their second brood to fend for themselves, but the big fat babies, almost as big as their parents, are lazy, and they patter pathetically across the grass after Mother and Dad, with eager bills gaping hopefully for still another worm. As I watched, I remembered reading about the way a robin builds her nest, and how truly amazing it is. She actually tries it out for size and comfort before she starts to build at all! She picks out a nesting-site which appeals to her; then she sits down there, and fluffs out all her feathers to measure the space. Then she lifts her body, turns it around a bit, and squats down, moving her feet so fast that her whole body shivers violently. Now she makes two or three turns to measure the branch for working space. Next, she tilts her body forward until she rests on her breast, and, in this position, pumps her feet back and forth as fast as she can, at the same time holding her tail down. This is to test the space she will need, while she is using her firm breast to mold the bulge in the nest. If all this proves to her liking, then she and her mate get busy on the nest itself.

Sometimes, I wonder very much indeed, if we brave humans, who think ourselves to wise and wonderful, do not under-estimate the intelligence and the knowledge of the birds and beasts, which the good God created, even as man was His creation! Often they do such remarkable, and to us, unexplainable things. Certainly, those who work among them, and come to know and love them, see many evidences of their wisdom and understanding.

The late Jack Miner was one of these, and from his sons, who carry on the famous Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary, at Kingsville, comes this most remarkable story, fully vouched-for as to its veracity. Jack Miner's body was laid to rest in a very special spot prepared for it in the Bird Sanctuary. There, surrounding his earthly resting place, are evergreen trees to act as a windbreak, and to shelter the pheasants in the winter-time. Within this bordering, are hawthorne shrubs, beloved by the catbirds, cardinals, and other nesting birds, and inside this border again, is a circling hedge of white lilacs, ineffably fragrant in the springtime air. Almost an acre of green grass lies within this verdant square around the tomb of this internationally known Lover of Birds, and there, on one Fall day, almost a thousand Canada Geese, missing from their usual feeding ground on the Sanctuary, were found in that small green area about the grave, and from that day, right till they winged away in the coming Spring, these birds, with all of the accustomed safe feeding they had come to know within the Sanctuary, ate in the usual feeding grounds, and returned to spend most of their time in this small hallowed spot, where rested the body of the man who had done so much for them and all their kind. Why? No human mind is wise enough to know!

Jack Miner himself wrote once of this great work he had undertaken among the wild birds — "My bird sanctuary would never have been what it is, nor have gained world recognition, had I not taken God into partnership, and given Him first place. I owe everything to God." Perhaps, in some dim way, these noble creatures, each bearing a verse of Scripture on the leg-band, which tags him as a visitor at the Sanctuary, felt that they, too, were part of this great partnership which even death could not sever, and came to gain new strength and wisdom for the long flight ahead, by keeping vigil there.

It is a good thing indeed, to find one's way sometimes "beside the still waters"; to look and wonder and remember; to feel the benison of God's peace; and to realize again the greatness of His Presence in all the beauty of the universe about us. It is good to say with the Psalmist — "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the waters and established it upon the floods." And again in Psalm 136 — "O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good — to him who alone doeth great wonders; that by wisdom made the heavens; that stretched out the earth above the waters; that made great lights — the sun to rule by day, the moon and stars to rule by night". And in Psalm 102 — "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches — I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being — I will be glad in the Lord!"

PRAYER

by MISS MARGARET BOYD

Regional Secretary, Saskatchewan

Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father and our God, we bow before Thee with humble heart and mind, seeking Thy favour, and asking that Thou wilt look upon us in mercy, forgiving us for our many sins. As we lift our voices in praise and adoration, we pray that Thou wilt speak to each heart by Thy spirit, and turn our thoughts to service, and to witness, in Thy kingdom. We praise and thank Thee for Jesus Christ, whom Thou didst send into the world for the redemption of mankind, and we thank Thee for Thy constant goodness and forgiving mercy, day by day.

We acknowledge that too often we have been indifferent to Thy call, and have failed to make known the unsearchable riches of Christ, by our life and work. Forgive us, we pray, and make us strong in our endeavours, as we see opportunity for the working out of Thy great purpose in the world.

We thank Thee for Thy patience with our strivings, and with our many faults and failures; we thank Thee for Thy never-failing help and guidance, when the path ahead seems clouded with uncertainties. Help us to believe that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us, and kindle within us the flame of true devotion, giving us the comforting assurance of Thy abiding presence in all our ways. May we ever turn from self and lean upon Thee.

Enable us, O Lord, to be good stewards of our time, doing those things that will glorify Thee. May we ever seek to labour zealously for Thee, doing with our might whatsoever Thou dost call us to do. Guard us from anxious fretfulness, and keep us mindful of Thy presence. May we gather strength for each day in the knowledge that our confidence is found in Thee.

We pray for all Ministers of our Church; for Deaconesses who labour in this country; Missionaries across the seas; and for every worker in all branches of our missionary endeavour. Pour upon them Thy tender blessing, and endow Thy Church on earth with purpose and vision.

Wilt Thou bless each one with a loving sense of Thy near presence, to guide us, to protect us, and to help us. May each one know what it is to walk close with Thee all the day, and help us to live more earnestly as followers of the one whom we believe to be the way, the truth and the life, even Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A HASTY VISIT TO OUR TWO MISSION FIELDS

by (MRS. STUART B.) TEÇA COLES

(Mrs. Coles and her husband, the Rev. Stuart B. Coles, B.A., who was a delegate to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches, in Delhi, were privileged to visit our Mission Fields in India before returning home. These are a few impressions gathered on a hasty, but happy, tour.)

IT WAS A great pleasure for my husband and myself that our journey to the World Council Assembly at New Delhi brought us within visiting distance of our two Canadian Presbyterian missions in India. It was also, however, a discontenting experience. Due to the hard and fast schedule of the chartered flight on which we got to India and on which we must return home, any side trips had to be "flying visits" indeed. Our plane got us to India 6 days before the Third Assembly was to open; and after the Assembly closed, we had just five days before we had to be all aboard for the 10,000 mile return. We used the pre-Assembly interval for a visit to the Bhil field, and the after-Assembly days gave us a journey to Jhansi.

It was a discontenting experience, because we had so much to look at, in such a short time. Our impressions must be taken as nothing more than the insubstantial opinions of tourists. The Rev. DeCourcy Rayner, Editor of the Presbyterian Record, accompanied us on both journeys, as well as on the main plane flight, and Patricia Hanna was a welcome companion on the Jhansi visit.

Our plane journey took us to Toronto—New York—Amsterdam—Cairo—New Delhi. New York to New Delhi by air is approximately 44 hours clock time. But flying eastward through one time zone after another, somebody had to keep putting the clock ahead (10½ hours), so that, by the time we landed in India, our night was turned into day, and vice versa.

> "The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
> Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
> And hour by hour fresh lips are making
> Thy wondrous doings heard on high."

After an over-night break, we took an Indian Airlines plane to Indore. We had return tickets, but when we got back to the Indore airport four days later, for the return to New Delhi, and the opening of the WCC assembly to come the next day, we were more than a little disconcerted to be told that the air service Indore-New Delhi had been terminated without warning the day before! One or two other Assembly delegates, from the United Church of Canada, were caught in the same unexpected grief, so the Airlines, again rather unexpectedly, cancelled the cancellation and put a plane on to get the stranded Christians back to New Delhi on time.

Mrs. Clarence L. Wood, from Rasalpura, squired by the John Murrays' jeep driver, Benjie, from Jobat, met us at the Indore airport. With them, were the local Christian pastor and a Christian electrician, James, who works at the airfield. They greeted us with garlands of flowers. At Rasalpura, Dr. C. L. Wood is doing translation work on theological textbooks. These are for use in Theological Seminaries of the United Church of Northern India. Our Bhili school boys, who show some aptitude for secondary education, come to the Rasalpura Residential Mission School.

A brief glimpse of our first Indian bazaar, or market place, as we drove through the town of Mhew; then 140 miles across country in the Jobat jeep, to the Presbyterian part of the Bhil field, and supper with the Mission Council gathered at Jobat. The Council was in the midst of important consultations with Dr. Ted Johnson of the General Board of Missions. It is a long and perplexing task to refocus the work from having been a dependent "colony" of western missions to becoming an indigenous and self-responsible Indian church, geared not to the patterns of yesterday but to the uncharted explorations and scarcely-yet-discernible avenues of obedience for today.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, John and Mrs. Murray, Lily Simpson, Helen Acton, Dr. Daniel, Nurse Daniel, Dr. Lal, were among the Jobat staff leaders whom we met. Mr. Coles shared in Bible Study with the Mission Council, and gave an address to the Jobat Hospital staff, translated into Bhili by the able and promising young Doctor Daniel, son of an Indian pastor and brother of Nurse Daniel.

Alvin and Mrs. McIntosh took us on to their station at Alirajpur, where we met their fellow workers in the Mission Compound. Mr. McIntosh was in the thick of some experiments with honey-bee culture. If this can be developed in the Indian countryside, as has been done in Europe and North America, an important new food source will be added to the people's diet, and to the farm income of the region.

Next stop was beautiful Amkhut in the mountains. The side road leading off from the Dohad-Bombay highway is certainly scenic, but it is not yet recognized as a government responsibility for maintenance. So our mission staff and their helpers have a man-sized job just to keep it passable. It seems appropriate, and very practical, that among the Amkhut enterprises is an auto-repair garage! The main feature of the Mission is a school for boys and girls, with residential hostels, and large food-supply gardens. The school accommodation is overcrowded, so the porches and other rooms of the house of worship are commandeered. A fine new wing of class rooms was built some time ago, but the required government permit for sheet iron roofing has been withheld for many months. At Amkhut we had our first visit to an Indian home; our hostess was the charming Dina Dai. Mission staff includes the pastor and his wife, Misses Mary Sherrick and Beatrice Scott, James, Wm. and Mrs. Milne. We were sorry to miss the station at Mendhya, but a hit-and-run itinerary had to leave many gaps here and there.

On to the Narabada River. Off with shoes and stockings, or socks, to wade aboard a notably unspeedy ferry, and so across the river to the city of Barwani, where Fred and Mrs. Knox are stationed, also Pauline Brown. This is the southern anchor of our Bhil work. In the Knox bungalow that evening we had a happy "house church" style of gathering, with some of the aged Barwani Christians, some of the little children, some of the parents.

Missionary work fans out, from Barwani, to a wide circle of farming villages. One of these is Panchpula. Working among the farm families here is a devoted young pastor, Nelson Ganji. His wife is a nurse with the mobile medical clinic. The Panchpula congregation is an extension charge, Indian style, and gives the appearance of "high potential".

Margaret Kennedy and Agnes Hislop are in similar work in farm villages, such as Bhalkar. Miss Kennedy is living in a mud house there, in order to be in the midst of the actual daily work, and the living conditions of the people whom she is seeking to reach and help in the name of Jesus Christ. She and Miss Hislop escorted us to the residence of the village reeve (who is a Muslim) where the town fathers were in conclave; they had problems and anxieties in connection with the new government irrigation system for their drought-plagued fields. Margaret and Agnes were our hostesses in a highway "restaurant" at Khalghat for a memorable Indian-menu luncheon.

After the New Delhi assembly, we were the guests of Angus and Mrs. MacKay, and Russel and Mrs. Self, at Jhansi. Pat Hanna stayed with their neighbors, the Helen MacDonald Girls' School staff. This includes Edith Magee, Margaret Leask, Diana Wadsworth, and a number of outstanding Indian colleagues. One evening there was an inter-church gathering of the Missionary personnel from quite a large circle around Jhansi, and we talked over some of the World Council's deliberations and issues, from the Assembly then just concluded. At Issaghar, 10 miles from the city, we saw an extremely interesting Christian farming community under pastor Hanuq Lal and his hospitable wife.

Our last weekend in India we spent in the manse at Gwalior, a city part-way back to Delhi from Jhansi. Our host and hostess, for an unforgettable and treasured opportunity to live as guests in an Indian Christian home, were the Rev. and Mrs. Moti Lal. A Christian lawyer and his family in Gwalior entertained us at a most interesting dinner. They, like all the others before them in our Indian travel, spared no pains in making us feel very much at home.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January - March 1962

RECEIPTS

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 525.00	
Alberta		
Saskatchewan		$ 338.00
Manitoba		486.25
Hamilton and London	12,463.00	4,934.00
Toronto and Kingston	6,271.00	2,850.60
Montreal and Ottawa	3,857.00	5,200.00
	$23,116.00	$13,808.85
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	4,891.79	1,133.40
	$28,007.79	$14,942.25

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$23,458.67	
Overseas Missions	38,478.97	
Organization	11,003.78	
Publications	3,595.91	
Administration	7,969.17	
Insurance and Taxes	239.41	
Students	2,275.00	
Christian Literature	850.00	
Grants	1,419.76	
Synodical Grants	1,275.00	
Council Meeting	16.96	
Visual Education		
Medical Insurance for Staff	590.00	
General Contingency	39.90	
	$91,212.53	
Payments from Individual Gifts	653.35	$91,865.88

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

MISSIONARY COUNT-DOWN

by THE REV. R. M. RANSOM, Th.B.

Assistant Overseas Secretary, General Board of Missions
Chairman of the Orientation Committee

HOW DO MODERN MISSIONARIES spend the count-down period before "zero hour" of departure for their overseas assignment? Those being sent out under the Canadian churches this year will find their last four months filled with some of the most stimulating, and shocking, studies of their whole missionary training.

From June to September, some 45 missionary recruits will undergo intensive orientation conducted by the Canadian School of Missions, in which the four major denominations participate. Our Church will have seven candidates taking part.

This Orientation Course is not just four more months of study, to cram in the last minute information. It is a carefully constructed missionary orientation programme, designed to alert outgoing missionaries to the revolutionary world into which they are being sent, and the rapidly changing missionary situation in which they will be working. It will raise more questions than it will answer. It is a realistic attempt to point up the problems involved, when one leaves the sheltered existence of our cushioned Canadian economy and touches down in the grim world where the other two thirds of mankind eke out their existence.

Ours is a bewildering world to face, even in the headlines of the daily press. What happens to the young, outgoing missionary from this continent when he finds himself suddenly set down in the centre of violent political movements, caught up in the swirl of rampant nationalism; under the judgment of ongoing communism; or in the midst of the deadening apathy and hopelessness of grinding poverty?

This new day in which we are called into mission demands new types of missionaries, and new types of missionary action. The mission is the same. It is still God's mission to a needy and lost world, but the role of the missionary is ever changing.

The Orientation Course, as its name suggests, is planned to help the missionary find his bearings, in relation to his new and changing responsibilities. It is designed to help him shift gears from one culture to another, with a minimum of jolts and culture-shock. It is intended to help him bridge the gap between all that he has known as "reality", and all that the people, to whom he goes, know as "reality".

Dedication he must have. And, an articulate faith. He must have professional competence. He must know Christ. He must be flexible and sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that he can enter into the life of the people with whom he is casting his lot. He must be obedient, and he must be brave enough to work out new patterns of obedience which will burst through the old forms of traditional religious activity, and issue in creative encounter with the world. And if he is to be an effective missionary, he must have the ability to communicate the Gospel in terms that are relevant to the needs of the people among whom he serves.

Such is the stuff of which the Missionary Orientation Programme is made. It will be held from July 9th to September 21st, at Niagara Christian College, just outside Fort Erie, Ontario, beautifully situated on the Niagara River. Immediately prior to this, and considered as part of the total orientation period, is the Toronto Institute of Linguistics held at Victoria University, on the University of Toronto campus, during the entire month of June. This is not language study, but is basic preparation for language study. It covers the techniques of learning another language; the development of specific skills related to the recognition and production of a variety of speech sounds; and an examination of the factors underlying different languages as a preliminary to learning to communicate more effectively, in a language other than the missionary's own tongue, to people whose patterns of living and thinking differ from his.

This year, the programme will be directed throughout by the Rev. and Mrs. Norman MacKenzie, keen, alert, young, and yet with a wealth of missionary experience in three major mission areas of the world. They saw service in China — before and during the communist regime; in India — in the Bhil area, where Mr. MacKenzie has pioneered in rural development work; and in Nigeria — on a special assignment under the Technical Assistance Programme of the Canadian Government. Under their able and dedicated leadership, it is expected that the programme will result in a rich fellowship of "life in community" together; confrontation with other faiths and opposing ideologies; careful studies of major geographical areas; a sound study of the Biblical and theological basis of the Christian mission; and an examination of the new forms of missionary expression that have developed in this ecumenical area.

In the official document issued by the Planning Committee, setting forth the basic philosophy underlying the Course, the purpose of the Orientation Programme is set forth as being "to assist the missionary recruit, through study and discussion, community living and spiritual discipline, to develop such insights, convictions, and attitudes, as will enable him to meet the bewildering variety of issues which the missionary faces in today's world. The Course will be divided into consecutive units, in order to provide orderly development in the curriculum. It is important that each element in the Course be seen in relation to the overall development." It is hoped that the whole Course will provide a unified and coherent experience not of academic studies of a general or theoretical nature, but of direct confrontation with living issues and practical problems.

Following linguistics, the first unit will be an introduction to this moment in the world mission of the Church. It will consist of a description of the present situation in the world, and in the worldwide missionary movement, with a brief historical review of the way we have come, in order to give us the perspective for discerning both our problems and our opportunities. In this period, the failures and contradictions which have emerged within the missionary movement itself, as well as its successes and achievements, will be critically examined. Major leadership during this period will be given by Dr. E. H. Johnson, and the Rev. Floyd Honey, of the United Church, Board of World Mission.

Against the background of such a realistic understanding of the missionary task, the second unit of the course will seek to strengthen the missionary's sense of vocation, through a clear, Biblically-based understanding of the Christian faith and its missionary dimension. This will consist of a period of Bible study of some weeks' duration. A survey of the Old and New Testaments will trace the purpose of God in creation and redemption; the working out of His purpose in human history; the focus of this purpose in the coming of Christ; and the role of the Church as the people of God in history, in the fulfilment of the divine mission to the world. These Biblical studies will be led by Professor J. C. McLelland of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The uniqueness of Christ and His claims will be considered in relation to the claims of other religions.

Having established a firm Biblical and theological basis for missionary obedience, the group will consider in the third unit the actual missionary task in the world today. Detailed area studies will constitute the background for this part of the Course. The questions raised by the introductory study will be dealt with in greater depth and detail. The missionary task will be seen in the present-day framework created by the growth of the "younger" churches, the Ecumenical Movement, and the emergence of the world-wide base for the Church's mission. Within this context, the continually changing role of the missionary will be examined. The results of recent thinking on missionary theory and practice will be discussed. The communication of the Gospel, will be studied, with particular reference to the adherents of the non-Christian religions.

Fundamental to the whole plan will be its emphasis on community living. In view of the crucial importance of human relationships in the missionary situation, an effort will be made to help the missionary grow in an understanding of his responses to other people and situations. Everything that happens, whether in classroom, discussion groups, library, dining room or playground, will be part of the "Curriculum". There will be a special study of Group Dynamics under skilled leadership and special lectures on Missionary Attitudes and Relationships.

These are designed to meet one of the greatest needs of the new missionary, namely, an increased sensitivity and personal relationships, which can spring only from a deep self-awareness and an understanding of other people. These will be times of deep spiritual discipline. They will involve lessons in humility and sensitivity. The missionary must be armed with the kind of objectivity which can accept criticism and absorb hostility, which he is bound to run into in this world, as a messenger of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Such maturity is not the possession of every missionary recruit. He needs the help both of psychological insight and of the spiritual certainty of his own acceptance by God.

Throughout the whole Course, the life of the community will be undergirded by rich meaningful worship that will provide the framework in which all the various insights and new impulses gained through the stimulating times of study and fellowship will be set, and will find their direction. Each day the formal programme will begin with corporate worship. Provision will also be made for private devotions, and informal groups for prayer and Bible study.

The Course recognizes that all the candidates will have had competent professional preparation on the intellectual level. While maintaining a high standard of academic instruction, the Orientation Course seeks to go much further, and much deeper, in an attempt to reach the whole person at the deeper levels of understanding, motivation and response, so that he may truly come to grips with himself, with the world into which he is going, and with the people to whom he is seeking finally to communicate the glorious Gospel of our Blessed God. It is not easy for brilliant young professional people to go out and manifest a humility that is willing to listen continually, and to know how to learn and grow in the process. But, without such humility it is doubtful whether they can be real missionaries in the truest sense of the Gospel.

Missionary recruits should complete this Orientation Programme not with a sense of having completed their course of training, but with a sense of humble dependence upon God, and with eagerness to follow further the many doors opened to them through this programme.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. J. H. Rumford	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. J. R. (Mary) Turner	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Miss Mary Burnside	St. Andrew's, Cardinal	Brockville
Miss A. J. Hooey	Cooke's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. C. Collins	First, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. N. G. Anderson	St. Andrew's, Perth	Lanark & Renfrew
Mrs. Mary Jack	Forrester's Falls, St. Andrew's, Ross	Lanark & Renfrew
Mrs. Annie Burton	St. Andrew's, South Eldon	Lindsay
Mrs. R. Nugent	St. Andrew's, Sonya	Lindsay
Mrs. Thorburn	St. Andrew's, Lindsay	Lindsay
Miss Annie McMillan	Presbyterian, Beaverton	Lindsay
Mrs. John Pollock	St. Andrew's Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. Charles H. Alvis	Knox Crescent & Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Miss Ida Morrison	Knox Crescent & Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. I. M. Thomson	Knox Crescent & Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. Harry Shaw	St. Andrew's, Assiniboia	Moose Jaw
Mrs. D. L. Holland	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. D. B. Stewart	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Mrs. Wm. Coutts	Presbyterian, Chippawa	Niagara
Mrs. D. M. Ross	Knox, Embro	Paris
Mrs. Mercer White	St. Andrew's, Warkworth	Peterborough
Mrs. Hathaway	St. Andrew's, Stoughton	Regina
Mrs. Jack Anderson	Northside, Regina	Regina
Mrs. Edward Sylvester	Presbyterian, Rosetown	Saskatoon
Mrs. Robert J. Rennie	St. Andrew's, North Easthope	Stratford
Mrs. Mary E. Turner	Fairview, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. Alex McRae	Fairview, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. George Stephens	Presbyterian, Mimico	West Toronto
Mrs. W. J. Cairns	Caven, Bolton	West Toronto
Miss Sybil Johnston	Omagh, Milton	West Toronto

Of Special Interest to Historians!

The Collecting and Keeping of Historical Material Throughout the Society

(Reprinted, by special request, from The Glad Tidings, Sept., 1959)

(For the reproduction of this material, we are indebted to the kindness of Mrs. D. R. McLaren, of Highgate, Ont., former Historian of Hamilton and London Synodical, who sent it to us from her Synodical Kit, with the suggestion, coming from her Synodical, that, in view of the coming Anniversaries of our Society in 1964, this might be of help to Historians, especially those who are, for the first time, filling this office. These suggestions were first published in The Glad Tidings of January 1948, and we are very grateful for the opportunity of now reproducing them for our readers.—Editor)

SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE KEPT AS PART OF HISTORY: —

A. *Auxiliary*

1. If the early history of the Auxiliary has not been written, this should be done. From what members, or former members, can recall; from old minute-books and reports; the necessary information should be gathered. There should be records of the organization of the Auxiliary and how it came to be organized. Names of the first officers, and the minister at that time, should be included — perhaps a photograph of the first President. Added to this, should be a record of the growth of the Auxiliary, this record to be kept up year by year, including a record of Anniversaries, and mention of outstanding women whose contribution has been noteworthy.
2. Record also any new groups formed, through efforts of the Auxiliary, or individual members; if a member of the Church went to a foreign field, became a national worker, or undertook the support of a missionary; contributions made by the Auxiliary to the work of the Church — in the Sunday School, or growth of the congregation, for instance. The Auxiliary may have united with another group — if so, record fact and reasons. Perhaps the group may have made a fresh start — the reason may be of historical interest; experienced an unusually difficult time — give reasons for that, and how they coped with the situation.
3. A copy of any historical sketch should be sent to the Presbyterial Historian — or to the Corresponding Secretary, if there is no historian — also reports of Anniversaries and Jubilees, including those of junior, or other branches within the congregation, and

happenings within the Auxiliary, which are of more than local interest.

B. *Presbyterial*
   1. The history of the Presbyterial, itself, should be kept — officers, and when organized — the territory — number and location of Auxiliaries at time of organization — growth — where and when new work was established. Any contribution made to the work of the Church, through such new work, or in any other work, should be noted. Changes, too, should be recorded — such as when the Missionary Societies amalgamated in 1914, or what transpired in 1925.
   2. Historical records from the Auxiliaries should be kept among Presbyterial records, as each Presbyterial may decide.
   3. A Report, based upon Auxiliary historical reports and the Presbyterial records, should be written, and a copy sent to the Synodical Historian, noting particularly the Golden and subsequent Jubilees of Auxiliaries and other groups.
   4. Accounts of all Jubilee celebrations of the Presbyterial should be sent to the Synodical Historian.

C. *Synodical*
   1. The Synodical Historian should record the organization of the Provincial Society and the subsequent change to Synodical. Such material should be obtained from the records of the former Provincial Historian, who should see that the Synodical Historian has the history of the Provincial Society. Records should include the history of the work, the territory, new work, and information about exceptional women who made a distinctive contribution to the work of the Synodical territory.
   2. Historical reports from the Presbyterials should be kept among the Synodical records, as each Synodical Society may decide.
   3. Lists of Anniversary Celebrations, received from Presbyterials, should be sent on to be recorded in the Jubilee Book in the Archives.
   4. Accounts of Silver, and subsequent Anniversary or Jubilee celebrations of the Synodical should be sent on for the Archives.
   5. Historical sketches of the Synodical should be prepared from time to time, and copies of them sent to be kept in the Archives in Toronto. With the passing of the years, the history of any organization should be reviewed, in the light of a changing perspective.

(Note—It is possible for every organization to keep a chronicle, *if not a history, of events. This chronicle should be available; from it someone with the historian's eye could select material for a history to be sent to the Presbyterial Historian, and used at Jubilee Celebrations.)*

SUMMER READING — FOR RECREATION AND PREPARATION

by (MRS. E. S.) SEONAID MACKAY, B.A., B.Ed.

Note: The study theme for 1962-63 will be "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia". A number of the books mentioned in this article are related to it.

KOREA, "Land of Morning Calm"; Okinawa, "Island Fortress"; Taiwan, "Terraced Bay"; Hong Kong, "Harbour of Hope" — these are the lands at the edge of East Asia. Next to them is the People's Republic of China.

Here we see conflicting ideologies struggling for men's minds; new nationalistic strivings, often allied to the resurgent religions of the East; tremendous social and political upheaval. But, in the midst of this movement of hundreds of millions of persons, we also see the Christian Church at work — a minority — striving, as servants of the Servant Lord, to witness creatively, and to communicate with the world around them.

This is something which the church in the West, as well as in the East, has to strive to do. So often we struggle to answer questions which those around us are not asking, or our answers seem unreal, and irrevelant. It has been said that communication is a dialogue. God speaks to the world through the Church, but we must also listen to what He is saying to the Church through His action in the world.

We all have an opportunity during the next few months for physical, mental, and spiritual, renewal. As we plan our summer reading, may we have a real desire to learn what God would say to his Church, here as well as in the far places of the earth. These books all have something to say to us.

ON ASIA'S RIM by Andrew T. Roy

This book stresses the complexity of the region, as well as the underlying similarity of the cultures, and gives a vivid picture of the political and religious scene. Entangled in a rapidly changing situation, the Church is seen as an active minority movement.
(This book will be in the programme packet for Adult Groups. Price for the book separate from the packet — $1.75)

THIS IS THE RIM OF EAST ASIA by Edwin Dahlberg

Here is photographic and word pictures of the lands and the peoples of this area, their heritage, and the witness of the Church today.
(Price .85)

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNIST CHINA by Francis Price Jones

Dr. Jones, a missionary in China for thirty-six years, shows how the surviving Church in China is steadily exposed to the eroding effect of an all-powerful government, which scoffs at all religion. He feels that, though the situation may give cause for deep concern, it is not hopeless. There are some excellent suggestions here for further reading on this subject. (Price $1.95)

INTRODUCING BUDDHISM by Kenneth Scott Latourette

INTRODUCING HINDUISM by Malcolm Pitt

"It is impossible to know a man well until you know what he believes." If we are concerned about the people of Asia, we must be acquainted with the religions of Asia, and what they mean to their followers today. (Price .90 each)

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER by Olive Wyon

Our understanding of prayer is deepened by this book, and the reading of it is, itself, a worthwhile devotional exercise. (Price $1.25)

In addition to our reading, may we all plan to set aside time each day to join with our brothers and sisters throughout the world in the fellowship of intercession, that we may be enabled to play our part in the renewal of the life of humanity in our community, our church and our world.

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Dates and Places:

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It is hoped that Synodical and Presbyterial officers, and leaders and officers of all age groups, will take advantage of this opportunity to work with National and Regional Secretaries that they may be better equipped for their work.

This year we will welcome to the staff of the Training Centres, Miss Helen Tetley, the recently appointed National Secretary for Teenage Work, and Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work.

We are looking forward to having Miss Alma Culton, of Pikeville College, Pikeville, Kentucky, with us to lead in Bible Study. Miss Culton is a graduate from Biblical Seminary, New York, and a commissioned church worker of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. She teaches Bible at Pikeville College, which is a college of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. At our Training Centres Miss Culton will lead in a study of the Book of Acts.

The Training Centres offer an opportunity to receive inspiration and information about the work of the Church at home and overseas, from those who represent us in many areas; to revitalize our own Christian faith, and to experience the warm and friendly fellowship of fellow Christians.

Registration forms have gone out to Synodicals and Presbyterials, and to local adult groups. They are also available through the Regional Secretaries, or from the Director of Organization, Room 800 — 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

(See May issue of The Glad Tidings (page 26) for other information about the Training Centres.)

Anniversary Corner

THIS CONCERNS YOU — THE ANNIVERSARY BOOK!

by MARION PELTON

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in Montreal in May of 1964. This should be an outstanding and memorable occasion in the life of the Society. To mark this occasion, an "Anniversary Book" has been designed, for the purpose of giving an opportunity to everyone within the Society, other women and men in the congregations, and friends outside of the Presbyterian Church, to enter his or her name in the book. The pages for signatures will be sent into every congregation through a system which will be explained in detail.

In December, 1961, the Anniversaries' Committee wrote to all Presbyterials, requesting the name of a "Key Woman" in each congregation. It was asked that these names be supplied not later than May 30th of this year — 1962. It is planned that early in September, 1962 "Anniversary Book" pages will be sent to each "key woman", whose responsibility it will be to seek out those who wish to sign the centenary book.

The names which may be entered on the pages of the "Anniversary Book" should not be confined to the adult members of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Many others can and will want to participate. Let us not forget to approach—

- —Men and women of the congregation who are not members of the Society
- —Interested friends
- —Teenagers
- —Children

There will be special "In Remembrance" pages for those whom you would like to remember upon the occasion of this 100th Anniversary. Several may wish to remember the same person and it is quite satisfactory to have a name appear more than once.

It is hoped that the "key woman" in the congregation will be able to complete her work by December 31, 1962. The cooperation and help of each member of the Society will be needed to accomplish this. Instructions will be given for the time when the pages are to be passed on to Presbyterial and Synodical. All the pages will be bound in a book which will be presented at the Anniversary celebration in 1964.

If by some chance you do not hear from a "key woman", enquire what has been done in your group, or your congregation. If you need information, or pages, please write to the Secretary, Anniversaries' Committee, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

The Purpose of the Anniversary Book

FIRST—that every member and adherent in our congregations may identify themselves with this Historic Centenary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), by entering his or her name in the Anniversary Book.

SECOND—that each name in the Book will be accompanied by as generous a contribution as possible. (Suggested amounts for teenagers and children will be included in the instructions.) After the relatively small expenses of the Anniversary meetings have been met, all contributions to the book will go to make possible work otherwise impossible from our regular Women's Missionary Society budget.

We have a membership of approximately 42,000 in the Society, and the members can touch many others within their congregations. Think of what this extra effort would mean to the mission of our church!

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PETITION!

Great God of Hope — how green Thy trees
How calm, each several star!
Renew us, make us fresh as these,
Calm as they are!
For what can dim his hope, who sees,
Though faintly and afar,
The Power that kindles green in trees
and light in star!

(Amy Carmichael.)

Sharing in Canadian Missions

OUR MINISTRY TO CANADA'S FIRST CITIZENS

by BERNICE BARKER

"THEREFORE if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). What does it mean to be a new creature? Does it not mean to be like Christ Himself, as we were created to be; to be mature in all aspects of our personality? One of the most blessed characteristics of the Gospel is that Christ is concerned with the whole personality of men and women. He is concerned with the physical — He healed the sick; He is concerned with man's social make-up — He ate with publicans and sinners; He is concerned with man's mental growth — He taught continuously; and He is concerned with man's relationship to God — He forgave sins.

All this means that when we become new creatures in Jesus Christ, we become mature in our total personality, and responsible individuals before God. This does not mean that we become perfect. The struggle between "our incompleteness in ourselves" and "our completeness in Jesus Christ" goes on throughout our earthly life. But it does mean that we cannot divorce any part of our life from the claims of Jesus Christ.

In our work with the Indian people in Canada we need to take this Gospel seriously. Indian people need to hear of Christ's concern for their whole lives. Non-Indian people need to hear of Christ's concern for the total personality of our Indian brothers and sisters.

In times past, the Indian people had their own culture. They held certain values and standards. They provided for their families. They worshipped the Great Spirit Manitou, with fear and zeal. Today, we find little evidence of this culture. They have lost themselves as a people. Their way of life has been destroyed; their beliefs torn apart. They have become dependent on the Church and the Government. When we speak to them about being responsible people, and active citizens in our way of life, they are lost. They have no idea how one goes about being a responsible citizen, or what it means to be a "person". Caught between their old way of life (which has been crushed) and our complex society, they seek to escape. The truth, that God loves them and accepts them as His children, is the answer, and not liquor. We must show them that Jesus Christ cares — that He is concerned about their whole life. It is not enough to preach to them, nor to give them clothing or money. In fact this kind of Christian action can do more harm than good, if this is all we try to do for them.

II Corinthians 5 states, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us this word of reconciliation." This is the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ, in the Lake of the Woods as in all parts of the world. Not by "giving" to them (and thinking we have done our share), nor by "preaching" at them, is this accomplished. It is achieved by walking with them along the hard path, struggling with them in their perplexity, until they know what it means to be reconciled to Jesus Christ, to be a mature person, as they can only be in Him. This is far easier said than done!

Often we see Indian men and women who are slaves to liquor. Before we condemn them, do we stop to think what has driven them to this? The young people have more education, and greater opportunity, than the old people. Why are they still dependent upon their parents for their existence? Do we stop to realize the complexity they face in coming home to the unfamiliar way of life of their people, after many years in a residential school? Do we understand their own feeling of loss in not being able to adjust to a life of higher education, a job in the town or city, or on the Reserve? Are we too quick to condemn, when we see them in the police court? When we see a young girl "in trouble", can we see that behind this has been her fruitless search for love and security? When we see the vastness of our responsibility in this ministry of reconciliation, we realize how little we are doing.

During each week our worker, along with Miss Norma Parson, visits three Reserves — Whitefish Bay, Crowe Portage, and Manitou Rapids. At this time we have women's and children's meetings. The women work together on quilting, sewing, and knitting. After sufficient work has been completed, they have a tea and sale of work. Profits from these projects are added to their bank account. There are advantages to these sales. It brings the women together, in a working relationship, for the purpose of providing clothes that are needed by their people. It is a means of raising money that can be used to benefit their own community. With few social functions on the Reserve, it creates an informal atmosphere in which we can get to know them, and they can get to know us.

The other part of these weekly

meetings is worship and Bible study. This includes the learning of hymns, Bible stories, and short talks about well-known parts of the Bible, such as Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. These must be simple lessons, because most of the women have had little education. We find such visual aids as filmstrips and flannelgraph most effective.

Occasionally, we have a meeting at which the women look at slides of themselves, and of other groups, while having a cup of tea together. Again, this is an opportunity to get to know one another in an informal way. The children's meetings include Bible stories, memory work, the learning of hymns, handiwork, and games. From time to time, the women prepare a party for the children.

So much more could, and must, be done in helping these people. The young people need organized community activities to interest and challenge them. The children need graded mid-week groups. If there was such a programme, these young people could be assuming leadership, growing socially, and looking less to liquor, or vandalism. This means, that someone must go and be a resident worker among these people, on each Reserve!

In addition to our work on these Reserves, we visit the Indian patients in the hospitals. Many of these are from northern Reserves, where another denomination is working. They quite often have heard "Mission Time", our weekly radio broadcast, and this immediately makes us familiar to them. When they do not speak English, other patients translate for us. We never know what our visits mean to these people, but our presence, and the little gift we leave, remind them that the Church is interested in their welfare.

Whenever we visit the maternity ward, the new mothers invariably ask for baby clothes. We are thankful for the lovely contributions of baby clothes that have been sent to us from Women's Missionary Society groups each year. However, we are concerned about the lack of preparation on the part of these mothers. Is it that they really cannot afford some clothes? Or, is it because they know they can "Ask the Presbyterian Church for a 'Baby bundle' ". We try to show them the need of preparing for their new baby, by having them sew while they are still in hospital. A far better way is to get them busy months before, planning, and sewing. This is one way of making them responsible and independent.

Your deaconess is also involved in the programme of Christian Education at Cecilia Jeffrey School. One hundred and forty-five students receive an understanding of the Christian Faith through Sunday School, Chapel, and mid-week groups such as C.O.C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T.

And still the Church has a wider ministry, which is readily visible on some Reserves. At present the Rev. J. W. Files is ordained Missionary at Whitefish Bay and Crowe Portage Reserves. He holds services each Sunday, and visits during the week. The Rev. J. R. Carson is the teacher at MacKenzie Portage Day School. Along with his wife (who is a registered nurse) and family, he resides on that Reserve and carries on a full ministry.

On the other hand, there is Shoal Lake, urgently in need of a resident ministry, and four Christian teachers for the Day School. There is Manitou Rapids, whose only contact with the Presbyterian Church is our weekly women's and children's meetings. We need more workers to share with us in "This ministry of reconciliation".

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE GREATEST MEN OF THE BIBLE By Dr. Clarence E. Macartney

THIS SPLENDID BOOK came into being during Dr. Macartney's ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Paterson, New Jersey, and it consists of a series of biographical sermons given to that congregation, actually at their own request and choosing. In the weekly bulletin of his Church, Dr. Macartney invited members of the congregation to record their vote for "The Ten Greatest Men of the Bible", and promised that he would preach a series of sermons on the men so chosen. This book is the result of that searching vote, and those fine sermons. Because Samuel, and John the Baptist, were tied in the voting for tenth place, the series eventually numbered eleven of these outstanding Bible characters, and to that voted choice, in this book, Dr. Macartney has added four others. This, Dr. Macartney feels, includes *all* the great men of the Bible.

Each biographical sermon is an epic in itself, told in vivid prose and with pentrative understanding, so that the whole person comes before one, in all his greatness, his weakness, and his conquering. In the foreword of his book, the Author says, "The great advantage of such preaching as this, is that you summon these men themselves into the pulpit, and permit them to preach for you. Abraham preaches on Faith; Elijah on Righteousness;

Samuel on Judgement to come; David on Temptation; Peter on Repentance. Every chord in the great harp of the Gospel is struck by the preacher who preaches on the great men of the Bible." You will realize this truth when you read this volume. In the 15 Chapters, you will come to know "Paul — More Than Conqueror; David, The Man After, and Against, God's Heart; Moses — The Man of Three Mountains; John — The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved; Peter — The Man Who Was Saved By a Look; Abraham — The Man Who Passed Through the Greatest Trial; Joseph — Dreams, Dungeons, Diadems; Isaiah, The Man Who Saw Christ's Glory; Elijah, The Son of Thunder; Samuel — The Man Who Preached From the Grave; John, The Baptist — The Friend of the Bridegroom; Jeremiah, The Man Who Looked Like Christ; Daniel — The Man Who Lives Forever Because He Said No; Joshua — The Man After Whom Jesus Was Named; Job — The Man Who Made Satan Quit."

Dr. Macartney has written many outstanding books, and is well-known and distinguished, both as preacher and author. He has been Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; a Lecturer of renown; and was for many years Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Penn. Many of you have read his excellent book "The Ten Greatest Women of the Bible". This one, which is an earlier book, is quite as good, and worthwhile. Price — $2.10.

MR. JONES, MEET THE MASTER

Sermons and Prayers of Peter Marshall

Edited by Catherine Marshall

THIS IS NOT by any means, a "new" book — it was first prepared in 1949-50, after the sudden death of Peter Marshall, that remarkable young Preacher, whose ministry made him beloved and respected by thousands of people, and whose influence is acknowledged to have extended throughout all of America. This is Dr. Marshall's own book (although it was edited by his wife, after much persuasion had been brought to bear upon her) and it is his own sermons and prayers, presented exactly as he wrote and gave them, in those brief years of his ministry, when people stood for hours around his Church waiting to hear him preach, and when he was, at the same time, Chaplain of the United States Senate. It is a book which grows in value with the years, and reveals new treasures of help and inspiration with every reading. This book is addressed to "Mr. Jones" — which means everyone in all walks of life — the man Dr. Marshall preferred to talk and think about, rather than the rich and illustrious ones, although these, too, were "his people".

There are many books of Sermons, many of them outstandingly good, but there are no other sermons like these, because there could be but *one* Peter Marshall, and these sermons are set up, by special typography, word by word as Peter Marshall gave them from the pulpit, with his own unique method of indicating emphasis and intonation preserved in this very special way. When he was 35 years old, Dr. Marshall became Pastor of the historic old New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, deeply and humbly feeling his own inadequacy, for he was a humble and unassuming man, of simple Scottish background, but, worshipping with his congregation, people immediately were aware of his genuineness, and it was in the pulpit that the mantle of true greatness fell upon him. These sermons and prayers are some of the best-loved of those years — "The Tap on the Shoulder; Disciples in Clay; The Saint of the Rank and File; Research Unlimited; The Rock That Moved; The Paradox of Salvation; The Grave in the Garden; By Invitation of Jesus; Mr. Jones, Meet The Master; Keepers of the Springs; The Problem of Falling Rocks; The Touch of Faith." It is a privilege to be able to own this book, or to give one to a friend. It is the voice of a great, true man of God, through whom great things were accomplished while he was yet on earth — and still continue to be. Price — $3.10

NIAGARA, HINGE OF THE GOLDEN ARC By Marjorie F. Campbell

HERE IS A BOOK of factual and fascinating reading about one of the loveliest and most important parts of our own Canada, and it is written by one of the best of our Canadian Authors. From the rough unbroken trail through the forest; the log homes of the first settlers and their little sawmills, carding mills, and country stores; the pioneer ship-builders; Mrs. Campbell leads us through the years to the sweeping Queen Elizabeth Way, and the great manufacturing plants of today. Through it all, the roar of Niagara is heard, and the growth of Canada pulses strongly. The book is written in three parts — 1. The Peninsula, as it is today; 2. The early history of the district; 3. Railways and bridges; Hydro development; the great Niagara Parkway; the Welland Canal; and, of course, the influence of the St. Lawrence Seaway. It has been predicted that the course of the Lake Ontario shoreline, from Oshawa to Niagara will become the Golden Arc of Ontario's industrial empire, with the Niagara Peninsula, the Hinge of the Arc. Hence the Title of this splendid book, which every Canadian should certainly read, both for information, and for pleasure — it is definitely a valuable piece of Canadiana. Well illustrated, with 26 photographs, and the Foreword by the Canadian writer and historian, Louis Blake Duff — Price — $6.00

BRITISH GUIANA MEMORIES

by (MRS. C. A.) ELIZABETH MacDONALD

Overseas Mission Secretary, Women's Missionary Society, (E.D.)

(For the first time, the Women's Missionary Society, (E.D.) sent an official visitor to British Guiana. Mrs. Charles A. MacDonald, Overseas Mission Secretary, on behalf of her Society, and on recommendation of the General Board of Missions, spent three weeks seeing the work of the Presbyterian Church in British Guiana, and the share the W.M.S. has in that work. She has been kind enough to share her impressions with us in this Article. Ed.)

AFTER my safe arrival home in Canada, I am very happy to bring to all our members in the W.M.S. (E.D.) and the W.M.S. (W.D.), and indeed all Presbyterians in Canada, the warm greetings and best wishes from our fellow Presbyterians in British Guiana. The following address of welcome delivered by Mrs. R. J. Janki of Burns Memorial Church, Georgetown, on the occasion of our Women's Meeting there, expresses in full measure the sentiments of our Christian family in British Guiana.

"Mrs. MacDonald . . . In the name of the ladies of the Demerara Women's Association of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, I welcome you to this Land of British Guiana, and trust that you will have a most enjoyable and profitable stay here among us. British Guiana has been called the Magnificent Province, The Eldorado, or the land of Gold, of which Sir Walter Raleigh dreamed. I hope that, as you go around, you will not think that we flatter ourselves too much. It has also been called the land of Six Peoples and the reason for this has, I am certain, been already evident to you.

You will find us a most generous and peace-loving people, trying to work out our destiny in this only piece of British territory on the South American Continent. I hope that this will be your experience as you visit some of our country areas, and that you will judge us by what you see for yourself, and not by what you read in our newspapers, or even by the news that is sent abroad for publication in your newspapers in Canada.

We all believe in the Democratic way of life, patterned after the British System, with which we have been linked for nearly two hundred years, and we wish to continue in these traditions in which we have been nurtured, and which we highly cherish.

As you come to us from Canada, our thoughts go back to our long and happy association with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since your Church started its work among the East Indians in this Colony, over eighty years ago, you have in unfailing regularity sent us your Missionaries —

devoted men and women, who have laboured unsparingly, and sown the seeds of the Gospel in this Colony. They have returned to Canada, and some of them have gone to their Eternal rest, but they have left their beneficient influence behind — an influence which is manifest in the lives and work of many of our people today. We owe an abiding debt of gratitude to the Church in Canada for their motherly care for us throughout these years. We ask you to convey this gratitude to the Church in Canada on our behalf.

But not only has the *Church* sent us its missionaries. The Women's Missionary Societies of the Eastern and Western Divisions have obeyed the great Commission and have sent us, over the past years, lady missionaries to work particularly among the women of our Church, and, as a result of their work, our women have been strengthened in their faith, and have brought their influence to bear in the life and welfare of the Church. We wish to thank the Women's Missionary Societies for sending us such consecrated women. We are moving more and more to become an indigenous Church, but, please let me say this with all the emphasis at my command, we still wish to continue in partnership with the Canadian Presbyterian Church for many more years to come, in our work in British Guiana. Again, I welcome you, and trust that you, and our work will be greatly blessed because of your visit to this Colony. I have also been asked by these ladies to garland you. May I say that this is one of the very beautiful customs which our forefathers brought from India many years ago. It is reserved for those to whom we wish to show the greatest honour, and that speaks how much we honour your presence here today and the Church and Society which you represent."

Wherever I visited, the same warm welcome greeted me, and gifts of flowers and garlands, along with tokens of goodwill, testified to the kindly interest in the Mother Church and our Society. On your behalf, I was able to thank the women and children, assuring them of our continued interest, not only as Presbyterians, but as Canadians. In order to help them preserve their democratic way of life, we must stand ready to stretch forth helping hands as Christians and citizens, realizing as never before that we live in One World — a neighbourhood brought very close by air travel and communications. I was fortunate to get the first flight out from Georgetown since the General Strike paralysed all traffic in British Guiana. A week of tension made one realize the responsibilities and courage of all our Missionaries on the fields. Now more than ever, the witness of the Christian Church must be upheld where there is confusion and strife.

Like ourselves, the ordinary man and woman of British Guiana wants to live in peace, and we can rejoice in the splendid calibre of the laymen. The future of our Guiana Presbyterian Church is bright, as more and more responsibility is being assumed by church members. The women are rising to new responsibilities and challenge. I saw at first hand the work in the country districts, and met with the women in three County Rallies; saw groups of C.G.I.T. in action; met with members of Presbytery; and addressed small groups of women, in company with our Missionaries, Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan, and Miss Ann MacDonald. Everywhere, I found a growing awareness of responsibility for the future of the Guiana Presbyterian Church. The women seemed ready to consolidate, and integrate their work in the three counties of Berbice, Demerara, and Essoquibo.

I deeply appreciated the hospitality and kindness of all members of the Presbyterian Mission Council and especially the good care I received from Miss Margaret Ramsay and Miss Merle McGowan of the W.M.S. (W.D.), during my stay in Georgetown. The time spent with Miss Ramsay was most rewarding, travelling by car and steamer to outlying points, worshipping in little Churches, meeting members and clergy who look to us for continued help and guidance. The recent time of unrest in British Guiana only points us to the need for better understanding of a young country's effort toward independence and selfhood. Never before has our Church been more needed than now. It is imperative that we, as Canadians and Presbyterians, continue our interest and help to those who look to us with hope and gratitude for all that has been done during past years.

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ANCIENT WISDOM

Cicero, Roman philosopher and statesman, said this some 2,000 years ago, and it is still true today. The six mistakes of man are:

1. The delusion that personal gain is made by crushing others.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

THE STORY OF DAYAWANTI (THE MERCIFUL ONE)

by BESSIE MacMURCHY, Reg.N., B.N.Sc.

MY STORY covers a period of about twenty-five years, spent in what is known as Central India. When I was born, my village was a part of a small native State. I was still going to Amkhut School when independence came to India, and our country became a Republic. Although I heard my family talking about the change from being ruled by the British to becoming a self-governing nation, I didn't realize too much what it was all about. However, the story I want to tell you is the one of my growing up, and becoming a nurse.

I lived, as a child, in a happy home with two sisters and four brothers. As I was the youngest in the family, some of my brothers and sisters left home while I was still small. My eldest sister married a preacher. Her oldest daughter is only two or three years younger than I. An older brother, after three years in High School, trained as a nurse. He works in Jobat hospital. Another brother was away at war for a few years. When he came home he married, and later worked as a driver for one of the mobile medical units, that travel around the country to serve the medical needs of people in the villages. Two brothers and one sister were at home as I grew up. These brothers have been working as teachers in the Government service. My younger sister and I were great friends, for there are only a few years difference in our ages. Last year she married the Minister of Jobat congregation. Now all the family except my youngest brother and I are married.

A Tonga.
Dayawanti used one like this!

My eldest brother became a Christian long after the rest of the family.

He worked for a farmer some miles from Jobat. When he came to visit us occasionally, he wouldn't eat with us because he thought it would defile him. It is nearly ten years since he decided to become a Christian. Now he has a nice farm near us.

My memories of my father are of a man who loved his family very much. He also loved Jesus. Many, many times he would tell us the way he found Jesus, when he came as a patient to Jobat hospital. That was before I was born, so I don't remember — as the older ones do — how we lost many of our possessions in trying to get healing for our father, through the witch doctor. My father used to sing around home. He would gather us together in the evenings to pray, and to sing the hymns that were fairly new to the family. He learned to read, and would read very slowly some of the portions of the Bible he especially liked. Although my mother was very reluctant to become a Christian at first, she is now happy in her Christian faith.

After my father died, my second eldest brother took the place as head of the family. He has always been very good to us. My mother lives with him and his family. My sister and I always came for school holidays to this home, and, when we started our training as nurses, we came to my brother's home for vacations. We learned to help in the house, to help look after our nephews and nieces, to go to the market and shop, and to welcome our relatives to the home. We still have a number of non-Christian relatives, but we hope that some of them, at least, will some day learn to know Jesus as we do.

I suppose it is because I became familiar with hospital atmosphere early in my life, and because my brother and his wife were nurses, that I went to Indore Christian hospital to take nurse's training, after I completed two years of High School. At that time, only two years of High School were required. Now matriculation is necessary. The Mission gave me a scholarship, to pay for my outfit and for holiday travel. In my first few months, I was very nervous, even though I liked nursing. It would have been worse if I had not been familiar with hospital ways. When some of my classmates wanted to leave training and go home, I told them they would get used to the new ways, and the rules and regulations.

Great sorrow came to me in my third year, when it was discovered that I had pulmonary tuberculosis. I wept, and wept, and sometimes I thought I wanted to die. My teachers and supervisors were good to me, and a Missionary friend from Jobat often came to visit me. But it was terribly hard to see my classmates going on. I didn't even know if I would ever be able to finish training. People must have been praying for me, because the day came when the doctor said I could go on duty for an hour a day, then for two hours a day. Finally I went back on full time. By then the medicine I had taken for so long had affected my hearing. All my life I will have a hearing handicap. Because of this, it was decided I should not take midwifery training.

At the completion of my training, arrangements were made for me to work as nurse at the Christian School for Girls, in Indore. I like the work, but it is lonely to be away from other nurses. Perhaps someone will provide a scholarship and I shall be able to take a post-graduate course. Then I could do more to help other girls become nurses. Since my hearing has improved, I might even be able to take midwifery training eventually.

In telling you something of my life, I hope you, who read my story, will know that I am only one of many people in Central India who has been helped by your Canadian Church to find a place of usefulness.

(Miss MacMurchy is at present on furlough in Canada, and is studying at Western University, London, Ontario.)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all members of all groups of the Women's Missionary Society, that, as the first half of the year comes to an end, each may think of what has been accomplished and plan for the months ahead.

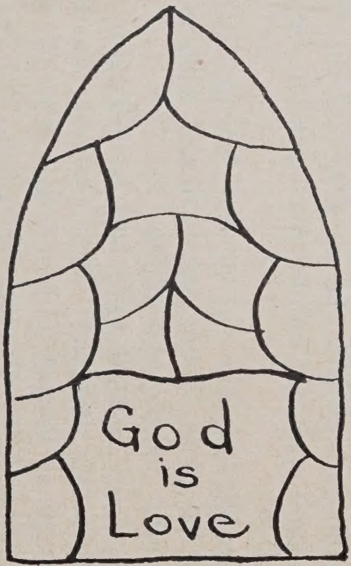
—For all leaders planning for summer camps that each may realize the opportunity offered and prepare to make the most of it.

—For the delegates who have been privileged to attend the Annual Council Meeting, that they may be inspired to present the challenge of the Missionary task in Canada with a new zeal and enthusiasm, in their various constituencies upon their return.

—For the Summer Students who have gone out to the Mission Fields across Canada, that they may be given Divine strength and wisdom in their witness to the children, young people, and adults.

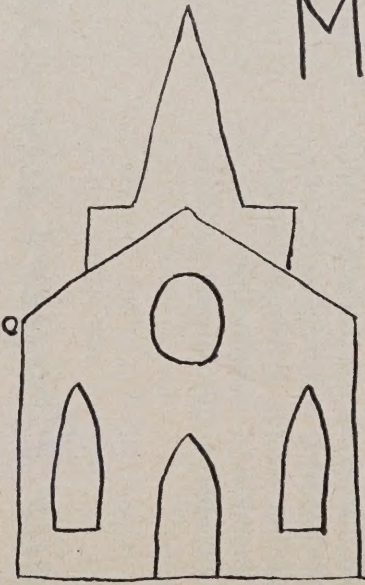
—For the four new missionaries of our Society who will be attending the Orientation Course at Fort Erie this summer: Miss Athalie Read of Brockville, who is preparing to go to British Guiana; Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Victoria, B.C., to Nigeria; Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., to the Bhil Field, India; Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., to Nigeria.

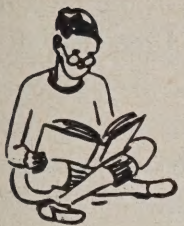
—For the success of the Orientation Course being given to outgoing missionaries of four Protestant churches this summer at Niagara Christian College, Fort Erie, Ontario; pray that these young people may be prepared to meet their new task.



Church windows are pretty.
Some are made with
coloured glass. Can you
colour this window ?
Can you remember
the verse at the bottom
of the window ?

Stories and Poems About My Church





Boys and Girls!

GIFTS FOR FRIENDS

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

SUSAN could hardly wait to unpack her bag before going over to see Janey.

"Does Janey still live next door, Grandmother?" said Susan.

"Yes," said Grandmother, "and I know she'll be looking for you."

"Hi! Janey," called Susan, as she ran across the lawn.

"Hello, Susan!" When did you get here?" replied Janey.

"Just a few minutes ago. Janey, I've been bursting to tell you what we've been doing in Explorers."

"So have I," said Janey enthusiastically, "but you go first."

"We had so much fun planning for a closing party for our mothers. We made cookies, nearly burned them," laughed Susan, "but our mother's liked them. But what about you?"

"At our last Explorer Expedition," said Janey, "we prepared books for sick boys and girls."

"That sounds keen," exclaimed Susan. "How did you do that?"

"Well," Janey began, "the nurse at the hospital told Mrs. Thompson, Our Chief Counsellor, that they needed some books for the boys and girls. We thought it would be fun to make some ourselves. We wrote stories and poems, and on some pages left space for the children to draw pictures, and we even made picture puzzles."

"What were the books about?" asked Susan.

"Oh, all sorts of things," said Janey. "Tim and Bill made one about the farm, Karen and Pat's was about flowers, and Marjie and I chose the park. Of course, Mrs. Thompson helped us with the spelling and things. It was lots of fun."

"By the way, Susan, my friend Judy has the measles," continued Janey. "I'm making a book for her about the Church. Would you like to help me?"

"That would be fun," said Susan. "I'm going to tell my Explorer Counsellor about this when I get home. Maybe we could make one."

(You may like to make a book for a sick friend too. On the page before the story you will see a suggested title and final page for a book. You may make a cover for your book by pasting these two pages on a piece of coloured construction paper.

As well, you may use the following poems on separate pages and leave a space for your sick friend to draw a Bible, a church and Church Bells.)

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The Bible is a big, big book,
With poems and stories inside
That tell of God,
And of Jesus, too,
Our loving Friend, and Guide.

I like to go to church
When the minister says,
"Let us pray," I bow my head.
I say, "Thank you," to God, for my church.

Church bells are big,
Church bells are small
"Come to church"
They seem to call.

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"THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS PAVILION" at THE SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR

ON APRIL 21, 1962, the day before Easter Sunday, when the Seattle World's Fair, Century 21 Exposition, greeted millions of visitors, the Christian Church was there, and at the very heart and centre of this multi-million dollar event! The great "Fair" will run for six months — through October 21st — and during that time many Church-sponsored Rallies, Observances, and Special Events have been planned, including weekly Denominational programmes.

This fine "Christian Witness Pavilion", costing some $175,000, occupies a 5,000 square-foot site, one of the choice locations on the grounds — directly opposite the Federal Science Pavilion, in front of which beautiful fountains constantly play, and where millions of feet will pass directly. Across the Mall, the "Space Needle", 600 feet high, and topped by a revolving restaurant, called "The Eye of the Needle", pierces the skyline. Thus, it is a witness, in its very location, that God's image, and that of Jesus Christ, stands before man's technological and scientific achievements.

Designed by the same Northwest firm, whose church designs were seen both at the Moscow and Brussel's World Fairs, a stained glass panel forms the front facade of the Pavilion, and this was designed and placed there by the Stained Glass Association of America. A great Cross, symbol of Christian unity, tops the building, and all the graceful arches are of native Northwest woods. Featured within the Pavilion is a Children's Centre; a dramatic sound-and-light presentation, called "Son et Lumiere", because it uses sound and light to vividly tell the Christian proclamation at the Fair; a jewel-like Chapel for private meditation; and a Reception Area, with the Chaplain's office. In all of these, the sub-themes of "Christ, the Creator, Hope of the World", are carried out. The Children's Centre, staffed with skilled professionals as well as volunteers, has areas of Worship, Play, Study, and Creative activities. About 150 volunteers will be helping in this part of the "Christian Witness Pavilion". There is a Hospitality Service, especially planned for overseas guests, and volunteer Christian translators are always on call. Other volunteers from all the Denominations and participating groups, serve in other areas and programme features.

This ecumenical witness began nearly three years ago, with the tentative exploration by a group of local clergy and lay persons, when they heard that a World's Fair for Seattle was being "talked up". Officially appointed representatives of Denominational bodies, and other agencies, constituted the Corporation in June, 1960. Formal approval of the Programme was given in the annual State and Regional Conventions, Synods, and Conferences last Spring.

It was the quiet question of a laywoman, however, which led to the strategic, and spectacular, location of this handsome "Christian Witness Pavilion" within the World Fair area. When the group talked with the Fair officials, they were given a tentative choice of a site near the edge of the grounds. "Why", asked Mrs. B. Franklin Miller, noted nationally for her work in the Episcopal Church, and in the Y.W.C.A., "should our exhibit be at the edge of the Fair? The Church is too often shunted to the edge of life in this world. It should be at the very centre of the Fair, and man's material achievements and blessings!" This searching question remained with the group, and with the Fair officials, and not long afterward this outstanding and commercially-valuable site was assigned.

Thus, in the rich and comprehensive display of man's commercial, industrial, and scientific realms, the "Christian Witness Pavilion" will be a reminder of the theme of the united Church Programme — "Jesus Christ — the Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever!" In the beginning was God, and all things were made by Him and through Him. That is the testimony of the "Christian Witness Pavilion", right at the heart and nerve-centre of the Seattle World's Fair, of 1962!

("Christian Witness in Century 21", is dedicated to the children of the next century, and is the united effort of nineteen major Denominations in the Pacific Northwest, and fifteen Christian-related agencies. Ed.)

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL —The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Penticton,* with Synodical President, Mrs. Earle P. Fox, and Regional Secretary, Miss May Nutt, both from *Vancouver,* participating in the Programme. The Rev. A. Bentum, welcoming delegates to his Church, spoke briefly on the Theme of the Meeting — "Not by power, nor by might, but by My Spirit!" Dr. W. O. Nugent, Superintendent of Missions for *British Columbia,* was Guest Speaker, and told how, in his work, he saw evidence of the presence of the W.M.S. everywhere. He urged members to bring more men into the Church, to encourage young women to become Deaconesses, and young men to become Ministers. Plans were made for delegates to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre, in *Edmonton, Alberta,* in July, and the Pacific Northwest Inter-denominational Missionary Conference, in *Tacoma, Washington,* in August.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Delegates from *Cranbrook, Kimberley, Creston, Kinnaird,* and *Vancouver* attended the Annual Meeting of *Kootenay* Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, *Trail.* Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. D. Downie, of *Trail,* Mrs. M. Schnell, of *Cranbrook,* and the Rev. A. P. Henderson, of *Kimberley.* Mrs. D. Dow, of *Cranbrook* conducted the Remembrance Service. Greetings were brought by the Rev. E. J. McPhee, of *Trail,* who also conducted the Junior Choir of First Church in their musical numbers. Guest Speakers were Mrs. E. P. Fox, Synodical President; Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary; and the Rev. W. O. Nugent, Superintendent of Missions. The Rev. E. J. McPhee closed the Meeting with the benediction. Luncheon was served by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, and Dinner by the members of the Douglas Club.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive of this Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* when President Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, conducted the Devotional Period, and gave a report of the Annual Synodical Meetings. Mrs. G. McNeill was chosen as delegate to Council Meetings in Toronto, and Mrs. H. Warren was appointed Convener of the Anniversaries Committee. Plans were made to hold a Rally in *Duncan,* in June.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The Opening Session of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* with delegates attending from *Victoria, Nanaimo,* *Sooke,* and *Port Alberni.* The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* conducted the Devotional Period, and Judy Porter, Susan Watson, and Heather Lawson, a trio from St. Andrew's Choir, sang. Greetings were brought by Synodical President, Mrs. Earle P. Fox, and from Westminster Presbyterial by President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham. Regional Secretary, Miss May Nutt, assisted with Report discussions. An Honorary Membership Certificate and Bar were presented to Miss Gertrude Scott by Miss G. Lee, and Mrs. Isa LaPoint, who had been Presbyterial President 35 years ago, when Miss Scott started her work at the Chinese Church. Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, the present Presbyterial President, presented a corsage to Miss Scott. Miss M. Coutts, Knox Presbyterian Church, gave an illustrated Address on her recent trip to *British Guiana.*

The remaining Sessions were held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* with Mrs. Wm. Hogg, and Miss W. Ripley, conducting the Devotional Periods. In presenting her Chinese Report, Miss Scott stressed the good work done by Miss Lee who acts as Interpreter for newly-arrived Chinese women, who must go to Doctors and Hospitals. Although not Christians, Miss Lee hopes to bring them into the Christian Church eventually. The retiring Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Scott, was thanked for 22 years of continuous service in that position. Guest speaker at the afternoon Session was the Rev. Bruce Molloy, Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's Church, and the Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. E. MacKay. Synodical President, Mrs. Earle Fox spoke briefly and installed the 1962 Officers.

At a combined meeting of Presbyterian women, in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, *Victoria,* Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, gave an outstanding Address on "The Total Mission of Christ's Church", and how all Christian women can become a part of that great Mission. Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, President of *Victoria* Presbyterial thanked Mrs. Curr for her inspiring and challenging address.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W.M.S. Affiliated Group of Whalley Presbyterian Church, *North Surrey,* sponsored a "Mission Family" Night, when President, Mrs. A. Murray, assisted by C.G.I.T. member Charlene Chevalier, conducted the Opening Devotional Period. Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, conducted the C.G.I.T. Re-Affiliation Service. The Explorer; C.G.I.T.; and Ladies' Groups; in turn presented portions of the Study on *British Guiana,* and displayed project work — charts, diorama, timeline and illustrated maps. Miss Ellen Douglas, Presbytery Deaconess, showed the film-strip, "Guiana Tempo" and spoke briefly. The Junior Choir sang, and a closing prayer for *British Guiana* concluded the programme.

The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* sponsored a Missionary Evening as a closing for their Mission Study. Guests included members of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Evening Affiliated W.M.S. Group, and mothers of the girls. President, Miss Eileen Howie of the Latow Group, and Heather McNeill, President of Tawasi Group, conducted the Worship Service, with Mrs. N. Robertson, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, leading in the Affiliation, and Mrs. H. Bernal, the Candle-Lighting Ceremony. Mrs. W. W. Stewart, President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented the World Friendship Badges. A Panel, "The Church at Work in *British Guiana*", with Anita Tietjen, Moderator, was presented by several girls. Claire Gordon, Gwen Gordon, and Heather McNeill, delegates to the Provincial Senior Girls' Conference in *Victoria,* gave highlights of the Conference.

Mrs. H. D. Carson, Secretary to Dr. John Ross, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, University of *British Columbia,* addressed the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* She told of the many services given to students, not only those in residence at the Hall, but many others, including those of foreign lands. Recently, a Sunday School has been started for children of married students living on the campus.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held a "Travel and Musical Tea", when Mrs. S. E. Gunn gave an illustrated talk on a trip to *Australia,* where she and her husband recently spent six months: and Mrs. R. R. Coysh, a Home Helper, and one-time Concert Pianist, gave several excellent piano solos. A silver collection was received for the Expense Fund, and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

Miss Ellen Douglas, Presbytery Deaconess, installed the Officers of the Ladies' Missionary Fellowship of Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* and spoke from Nehemiah 4:17, urging members to greater Christian effort. A film-strip on *British Guiana* showed the expansion of the work there.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. Dr. G. A. Hadjiantoniou, who recently came from *Athens, Greece,* to become Minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* installed the Officers for 1962, at the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of this Church. Mrs. E. Anderson led the Service of Worship, assisted by Mrs. F. Collins and Mrs. A. Forrester. Pastor of the Second Evangelical

Church, in *Greece,* for some years, Dr. Hadjiantoniou gave an interesting talk on the history and growth of the Protestant Church in *Greece.* Following the business session and presentation of Annual Reports, refreshments were served, and members enjoyed meeting Dr. and Mrs. Hadjiantoniou informally.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. S. Curr, of *Toronto,* President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was the honoured guest at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of *Alberta* Synodical, which was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.* Mrs. Curr addressed the delegates, answered questions, and gave great help in solving problems, as they arose from the Annual Reports. Services of Worship were conducted by the Rev. D. Crawford, B.A., B.D., who also installed the new Executive. The President, Mrs. G. Anderson, presided at all Sessions.

Highlights of the Meetings were — the presentation of "The Chinese Work in Canada", by the Presbyterials of *Calgary, Macleod,* and *Peace River,* done by the Question-and-Answer Periods, Panels and Charts; the Skit on the Presbyterian Fellowship House, in *Winnipeg,* given by members of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton;* "Indian Work", presented by the Presbyterials of *Red Deer, Macleod,* and *Edmonton;* and the humorous "Anniversaries" skit put on by the Strathcona ladies. Mrs. G. Findlay reported on the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in *Edmonton,* and Miss Mollie Harback illustrated with slides her talk on the Women's Camp at *Sylvan Lake.* Mrs. J. B. Milne showed slides of the *Lennoxville Conference* in *Quebec,* and Mrs. H. W. Grove gave interesting comments. The Report of the Pacific Northwest Conference was given by Miss Shirley V. Scott, President of *Calgary* Presbyterial.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Peace River Presbyterial was held in Forbes Presbyterian Church, *Grande Prairie,* when delegates were present from *Blueberry Mountain, Brownvale, Chetwynd, Dixonville, Fort St. John, B.C., Fort Vermilion, Grande Prairie* and *Wanham.* Mrs. Jean Elder, of *Grande Prairie,* welcomed delegates, and greetings were received from Mrs. Lola M. Paul, of *Calgary* Presbyterial, and Miss I. McRae, of *Edmonton* Presbyterial. The Devotional Periods, on "Doing God's Will", were conducted by Mrs. John Meier, and Mrs. F. Davies, of *Fort St. John.* Mrs. Jean Elder and Mrs. R. G. Tomlinson spoke of the preparations for the Anniversaries Celebrations in *Montreal,* in 1964, and asked all Historians to immediately send in the histories of their Groups.

Miss E. Mellafonte, of *Chetwynd,* illustrated with slides her interesting Address on her work on an Indian Reservation in *Manitoba,* and Mrs.

Rae Williamson, of *Dixonville,* told of the C.G.I.T. Conference, at *Lennoxville, Quebec.* Mrs. H. W. Grove, Team Captain for *Peace River,* Miss E. Mellafonte, and Miss Leah Richards, spoke on the Christian Education Conference held in *Saskatoon,* and of the New Sunday School Curriculum. Delegates were appointed to the Annual Synodical Meeting, in *Edmonton;* the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* in May; and the W.M.S. Training Centre to be held in *Edmonton,* in July. The Rev. C. Paul McKinnon installed the new President of this Presbyterial, Mrs. Frank Davies, and other Officers for 1962.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Synodical was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Weyburn,* with President, Miss Isabelle Bailey, of *Clouston,* presiding at all Sessions. The Rev. I. R. Carroll, conducted the Devotional Periods on "The Faith of a Christian"; "the Life of a Christian"; "The Church of a Christian". Forty delegates attended from *Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Indian Head, Weyburn, Tisdale, Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia,* and *Clouston.* The Synodical was greatly blessed by the presence of Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, from *Toronto, Ontario,* who twice addressed the gathering, and also installed the Officers.

Printed copies of the Reports were distributed, the Secretaries commented on the work of their Departments, and valuable assistance was given by Mrs. Curr, in the comments she made after hearing the Reports. Both General and Supply Funds showed an increase. Each Presbyterial reported the activities planned for the Anniversaries Celebrations in 1964. With Regional Secretary, Miss Margaret Boyd, telling the story, the *Moose Jaw* ladies presented an Historical Pageant, in costume and pantomime, of the W.M.S. work from 1864 to the present, and also what it might be from now. Mrs. I. R. McKee, of *Swift Current* and Mrs. M. S. McLean, of *Moose Jaw,* sang the duet "God Is Working His Purpose Out", during the presentation. A cross-section of Miss Boyd's work was portrayed in the presentation of an imaginary Consultative Committee Meeting, in which Miss Boyd, Regional Secretary; Miss Evelyn Murdock, Deaconess, *Saskatoon;* and Mrs. John Hettel, *Swift Current,* took part.

A Summer School will be held in the Presbyterian Residence, *Saskatoon,* June 29-July 6, with Guest Speakers, the Rev. J. C. Cooper, B.A., Assistant to Dr. Munroe, Director of Home Missions, and the Rev. Calvin Chambers, Knox Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* *B.C.* Young People, 16 years old, or over, or graduated from Grade 10, are eligible to attend.

At the Meeting of Moose Jaw Presbyterial in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* the Theme was "Peace and Hope", and President, Mrs. R. Metheral, of *Weyburn,* presided. The Rev. R. Thomson brought greetings from *Assinboia* Presbytery, and some 35 delegates attended from *Weyburn, Assinboia, Briercrest, Swift Current,* and *Moose Jaw*. The Guest Speaker, Regional Secretary Miss Margaret Boyd, told of the Anniversary Projects and Plans. The Guest Speaker at the Evening Session, the Rev. J. S. Wishart, of *Regina,* showed slides and gave a full report of the new Church Camp, "Kum-Ba-Yah", an *African* name meaning "come by here", and submitted by Ann McAlpine, of *Moose Jaw*. This new Camp is situated near *Findlater,* on *Buffalo Pound Lake*. The C.O.C. banner was presented to Mrs. D. McLeod and Mrs. F. Cooper, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw*. At the dinner, Mrs. H. Crook, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* welcomed guests and delegates, to which Mrs. R. Metheral, of *Weyburn,* replied. The Rev. Reid Thomson closed the day-long Sessions with prayer.

At Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* the C.G.I.T. held their Re-Affiliation Service at the Sunday Evening Service, when the Theme was *British Guiana,* the Study for this year. The Boy Scouts and Cubs paraded to Morning Service in this Church, on another Sunday, when Scouter Scott Carnegy, read the New Testament Lesson, and other troop members greeted the congregation at the door, and also took up the Offering.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon*. The Rev. D. Miles brought Presbytery greetings, and Miss E. Murdock conducted the Worship Periods. Miss Margaret Boyd and Mrs. R. Wiseman, assisted by Mrs. G. Ward of Parkview Explorers, did an excellent presentation on "The Work of the Younger Groups". Miss E. Murdock and Miss M. Boyd, using slides, presented "The Canadian Scene"—W.M.S. Work Throughout *Canada*. The Rev. D. Miles, stressed the need of more Leaders, in his report on Camp Christopher; the Rev. M. Nicholson, reported the *Saskatoon* Summer School, pointing out its importance in the lives of young people; and at the Dinner, Mrs. E. Holmgren, Superintendent of C.G.I.T. Groups in Parkview Church, told of the *Lennoxville* Conference for C.G.I.T. Leaders, giving special attention to "Understanding The Girl." Officers for 1962 were installed by the Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau.

During Christian Youth Week, the C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Church, *Saskatoon,* was host to C.G.I.T. Groups of Calvin, Goforth

Memorial, and St. Andrew's Churches, when Miss E. Bate, of *India* was Guest Speaker. Miss Linda Vandale had charge of music and games, and the Worship Service was conducted by Margaret van-Mossel, and Erma Burr.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* was privileged to have the Moderator of General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. R. Taylor, conduct the Worship Service at their Christmas Meeting, when he was touring *Saskatoon* Presbytery. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. T. Laurie, at a later Meeting.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. R. J. Hood, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, and the Rev. R. Harrod, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* gave the Opening Worship Service. "God's Love for the Whole World" was the theme of the Sessions, which were attended by delegates from *Brandon, Carberry, Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Minnedosa, Killarney, Wellwood,* and *Waywayseecappo Indian Reserve* at *Rossburn.* A new W.M.S. Auxiliary was reported at *Thompson, Manitoba,* and all Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial told of a successful year, with an increased membership in Evening Auxiliaries and an increase in Glad Tidings subscriptions. Miss D. Worden showed a film on *British Guiana,* and Mrs. J. J. Thompson spoke on "Preparing a History of the *Brandon* Presbyterial". Interesting "Charades on Missions" were presented in the afternoon. Officers for 1962 were installed by Mrs. J. J. Thompson, and Mrs. Haire of *Carberry,* closed the Meeting with prayer.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* led by Mrs. R. J. Hood, held a successful Bonspiel, with Groups from the surrounding area, making a total of 16 rinks participating. Grand Challenge was won by Phyllis Huzyko, of Knox rink. Linda Boaz, of *MacGregor* won first place in the second event; third place went to Maxine Head, of the *Sidney* rink. The prize for the youngest rink went to *Neepawa,* with a total age of 51 years.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Knox, recently re-affiliated with the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* when Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, participated in the Service and presented the Affiliation Badge. A short play, depicting life in *British Guiana* completed the Programme.

At the regular Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, held in the home of Mrs. G. Fairbairn, *Portage la Prairie,* a Life Membership Certificate and Pin were presented to Mrs. M. Phillips, on behalf of her daughter. A film on *British Guiana* was shown, and a Social Hour followed, with refreshments served by Mrs. H. Crump, and Miss M. Cameron.

The C.O.C. Group, of Crescent Heights Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* has been re-organized, with Mrs. Birkett as Leader. At the Annual Dinner Meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa,* Life Membership Pins were presented to Florence Bates, by the Heather Coulter Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of this Church.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical was held in Superior Presbyterial this year, with Meetings held in both *Fort William* and *Port Arthur.* "Whatever ye do, do it heartily" was the theme of the Meetings. Opening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* the Rev. Wm. Fairley, of Oliver Road Presbyterian Church, welcomed delegates, and conducted the Devotions and Communion Service. President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, presided, and greetings were brought by Mrs. R. J. Hood, President of *Brandon* Presbyterial; President, Mrs. F. L. Jones, of Winnipeg Presbyterial; and Mrs. G. McDougall, President of Superior Presbyterial. Mrs. C. Leeson led the discussion on reports of Officers, held in *Brandon* Presbyterial. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, the Guest Speaker, was introduced by President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, and told of the many phases of our Mission Work. Mrs. A. H. McKay closed the Afternoon Session with prayer. At the Supper Hour, Mrs. K. Hearnden welcomed the guests, to which Mrs. Hood replied, and Mrs. W. A. Hunter read Greetings. The Rev. W. C. Inglis conducted Evening Worship, and Mrs. Curr again addressed the Meeting. The offering was dedicated by Mrs. Bain, and Mrs. Leeson gave the closing Prayer.

The Synodical Meeting continued the following day in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* when the Rev. D. R. Conlan conducted the Worship Service. Mrs. A. H. McKay led the discussion on reports of Officers held in *Winnipeg,* and Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon reported for the Provincial Council of Women. Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr conducted the Installation of Officers. The Afternoon Session closed with the reading of a Prayer, written by Miss M. J. L. Smellie, who was unable to be present, and read by Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell. Evening Devotions were given by the Rev. Wm. Fairley, and Mrs. G. S. McCutcheon (formerly Miss Margaret McKenzie) gave an illustrated Address on *Formosa,* and W.M.S. work there. Mrs. F. H. Johnston conducted the discussion on Office Reports, held in Superior Presbyterial. Mrs. W. C. Inglis closed the Meeting with prayer.

At the meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary of *Manitoba* Synod, was Guest Speaker, and told of the work among the Indians on the Reserves, and also of the Fellowship House in *Winnipeg.* Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell spoke on the Study Book, and Mrs. J. G. Shaw thanked the Speaker.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — Professor J. Houston, of Oxford University, *England,* and for the last year, of the University of *Manitoba,* was the Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* Introduced by Miss Liverton, of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Professor Houston spoke on "A Life To Live". Mrs. J. Todd presided, and the Junior Choir sang, under the direction of Mrs. R. J. Earl. C.G.I.T. members took-up the Offering. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

At a Special Service, held in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* the C.G.I.T. Groups of *Elmwood, St. James,* and *Calvin* Churches, became affiliated with the W.M.S. Badges and Membership Cards were received, and Miss Cathy Denholm, Deaconess for the Indian and Metis work, told of the Presbyterian Fellowship House in *Winnipeg.* The film "Guiana Tempo" was enjoyed, and there was a display of the girls' handiwork. Refreshments were served.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Geneva Presbyterian Church, *Chesley,* with President, Mrs. Fred Piper, of *Southampton,* presiding. Miss Hazel Macdonald, on furlough from *Taiwan, Formosa,* was Guest Speaker, and gave an illustrated Address on the W.M.S. work there. All Reports showed activity, with good results. Mrs. E. W. Krampp, of *Walkerton* is the newly elected President, and the Annual Meeting of 1963 will be held in *Hanover.*

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Hamilton and London Synodical was held in Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* with President, Mrs. Donald MacInnes, of *Ridgetown* presiding, and the theme of the Sessions — "Highways for Our God." Following a Board Meeting, official delegates were entertained at a complimentary dinner, when Greetings were extended by the mayor of *Hamilton,* Mr. L. D. Jackson; the Rev. W. A. Smith, Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery; and the Rev. A. L. MacKay, Minister of Central Presbyterian Church. Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon welcomed delegates. The Rev. George Malcolm, of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* now on extended leave from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. He stressed our task in spreading Christ's Gospel, and said the day of missions is not over, but just beginning. The Rev. R. H. Armstrong, B.D., of Erskine Presbyterian Church, conducted the Worship Service.

At the following Morning Session, Devotions were given by the Rev. W. Kennedy, M.A., of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* and Mrs. E. P. Winhold conducted the Memorial Service. Consultation Groups were led by Mrs. A. S. Curr; Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon; Miss Ruby Walker; Miss Clare Hanes; Miss F. Goertzen; and Miss Dorothy McCombie. The Synod Camp Board presented a Panel on the work of Kintail and Goforth Camps, and asked for more helpers and increased financial support. The Financial Report, presented by Mrs. L. Herold showed an increase. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council gave an inspiring Address on "Why Should We Be Interested in Missions?" She discussed both National and Overseas Missions, and said that while there is much room for thanksgiving, there is *no* room for complacency. The ten Presbyterial Presidents reported for their Presbyterials, and the Rev. W. A. Henderson, Moderator of Synod extended greetings.

The Rev. D. G. Campbell, Th.M., of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, gave the Evening Worship Service, and the Guest Speaker was the Rev. Dr. Hugh A. MacMillan, recently returned from *Formosa,* after 35 years of missionary service in that land, who spoke on "The Highways of the World". During the evening the Hamilton Explorer Groups sang several selections; the C.G.I.T. Group sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd"; the Choir of Central Presbyterian Church sang an Anthem; Mrs. O. Blakely was Soloist. At the Closing Session, Rev. G. A. Lowe, B.A., of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* gave the worship service, and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, installed the Officers for 1963, with Mrs. Donald MacInnes, re-elected to the Presidency. In her closing message, Mrs. MacInnes said, "We must go home, and go forward. If we do our part, God will fulfil the vision of Isaiah, and there will be a highway of light and peace around the world." The Annual Meeting of 1963, will be held in Maitland Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.*

Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, President, presided at all sessions of the Annual Meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* and Devotions were led by Mrs. J. M. Woodley, *Dundas;* Mrs. Robert Armstrong, *Erskine;* and Mrs. G. K. Marcy, *Kirkwall.* The Rev. M. S. Reside of *Stony Creek,* Afternoon Guest Speaker, gave a stirring account of Mission Work in *Vietnam,* where he had served, under the World Alliance Missions.

At the Evening Sessions, Workshops were held on Bible Study, led by Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon; on using the Mission Study Book on *British Guiana,* by Mrs. T. G. Bryon and Mrs. C. J. Whittington; on the history and organization of the W.M.S., led by Mrs. Norman Anderson. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, was Guest Speaker, and gave a vivid picture of W.M.S. work in *Canada,* among the Indians and Chinese. Mrs. Duncan Allan conducted the Installation Service and the Rev. N. D. MacDonald gave the benediction. Ladies of the St. John's Guild served the evening meal.

In honour of Mrs. Alex Mercer, who is the only remaining member, prior to 1925, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* a surprise Birthday Party was held by the members of the Mildred Soutar Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary. Following the Worship Service, given by Miss S. Graham and Mrs. H. Robbins, Reports of the Annual Meeting were given by Mrs. Wm. McQueen and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong. Miss Mae Seller paid fitting tribute to Mrs. Mercer's years of service, and particularly to her efforts in the organization of a Young Women's Group, which has recently amalgamated with the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Tea and Birthday Cake were served by Mrs. W. C. Stewart, and Miss W. Paterson.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — The 85th Birthday of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* was celebrated in December, with two representatives of the early membership in attendance — Mrs. Kate MacGregor, pianist for many years, now in her energetic nineties, and Mrs. William Doherty. Daughters of Executive members of former years took part in the Programme.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

BLUE SKIES and clear sunny days prevailed for the whole five days of the 47th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, from May 7th to 12th, when the many delegates, representing all seven Synodicals and converging in Toronto, Ontario, all the way from British Columbia to Quebec, gathered together in Knox Presbyterian Church — the historic old Church, which was the first Presbyterian Church in Toronto, and which has meant so much in the history of Presbyterianism in Canada, and in the background of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), in particular. This Church, first established by the Presbyterians of the small pioneer community of York, has an unbroken history covering a period of 142 years — from 1820, when the late Jesse Ketchum, Esq. gave the Church site, and the adjoining lots, on Christmas Day of that year, for the purpose of erecting a Presbyterian Church, to house the small, but growing, congregation, to 1962, and the present handsome and dignified old Church, on Spadina Avenue, with its adjoining new and modern Knox Fellowship Building, opened and dedicated on May 31st, of this year, and giving Christian fellowship and service, to young and old alike, in that large and closely-populated neighbourhood.

The original little Church was formally opened on February 18th, 1822, in what was then the centre of the Community, and on the site of what is now the great Robert Simpson store and buildings. Because of the terms of the Jesse Ketchum bequest, and the trust, established in 1827, however, this property could not ever be sold outright, so to this day Knox Presbyterian Church annually receives substantial Ground Rents from the Robert Simpson Company, Ltd. Until 1827, this continued to be the only Presbyterain Church in Toronto, but the name of Knox Church was not adopted until 1844, when in that December the union was consummated of "The Presbyterian Church of York", with the group of former members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, who had organized a new congregation in July, following the Disruption in 1843 of the Church of Scotland in the Old Land. Dr. Robert Burns, D.D., was called from Scotland to become the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church in 1845. Two years later the little new Church building was destroyed by fire, but immediately the foundation stone of a new Church was laid, and this was ready for use in September of 1848. In 1881, the whole interior was remodelled and an organ introduced, and so the work and the congregation progressed until 1905, when this Church had to be demolished to make way for Simpson's fine new Store, and the building of the new Knox School House commenced in November, on the new property "up-town" on Spadina Avenue. This was opened for public worship on January 27th, 1907, one day after the corner stone of the New Knox Church was laid by His Honour, later Sir Mortimer Clarke, K.C., LL.D. This fine new Church, as it stands today, was opened and dedicated on January 10th of 1909 — and a beautiful Church it is, with its polished old oaken pews, and fretted woodwork framing the great organ pipes; its lovely stained-glass Memorial windows; and its vaulted walls of softest blue.

It is an historic Church; a dignified and beloved Church; a staunch bulwark of the Presbyterian faith, now, as it has always been. It was fitting, indeed, that within its sacred precincts the delegates to the 47th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, should come togther, as they looked forward to their Anniversaries year in 1964, to talk and plan together for their work, in Canada and Overseas, in the years ahead. It was in 1876 that a small advertisement in a local newspaper, called for a meeting of Presbyterian women in Knox Church, to form a Society for Foreign Missions, and as a result of this, a Committee of Ministers and interested women, was formed to draft a Constitution for such a Society in Ontario. In April of 1876, this was completed, and in Knox Church, fifty women became Charter Members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. At once they agreed to support two Canadian women Missionaries in India, and to organize W.F.M.S. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands all throughout Central Ontario. Already, there was the Montreal Women's Missionary Society, Home, French and Foreign, which began in 1864 and was the first Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and soon there was also organized the Women's Home Missionary Society. All were doing wonderful work, and as years went on, became more and more convinced of the need and worth of more consolidated work. So, on May 15, 1914 — again in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto — representatives of the three Societies met to combine, and formally constitute, "The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada", as it continues to this day. It was in Knox Church, too, that the famous midnight Meeting of our Society was held in 1925, when at the time of Church Union the continuity of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, needed to be firmly established and affirmed. That meeting made it very sure that there was no break possible in the continuing history of our Presbyterian W.M.S.

All of this held a very special significance for everyone, as the Sessions of this Annual Council Meeting, whose Theme was "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" — (John 15, verse 16) began on Monday, with the Registration and Reception of delegates, the warm hospitality of the ladies of Knox Church, and Toronto and Kingston Synodical, and the happiness of delegates meeting with old friends of other years, and welcoming those for whom this was a first Annual Council Meeting. The delicious Supper, served to delegates and Special Guests, was given by the Board of Managers of Knox Church; prepared by the Women's Association; and served by members of the Choir, and of the Mildred Gehman W.M.S. Auxiliary. Every day, appetizing Lunches were prepared and served — for the first two days by the ladies of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto; for the last three days by the Women's Association of Knox Church — and Afternoon Tea was provided each afternoon by the East and West Toronto Presbyterials.

The Evening Service of Worship was conducted in the Sanctuary, by the Rev. J. M. Laird, B.A., B.D., Assistant to the Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Wm. Fitch, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., who was unable to be present. Mr. Laird, spoke on the Council Theme, pointing out that this was a Royal word — a Royal call — and that God's work is majestic work, second to none in the world; that our election to this work is from God, and from His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. "We are His choice", said Mr. Laird, "We are chosen because He loved us. We work under His authority, and we have no choice but to obey." The Choir of Knox Church, in their wine gowns and mortar-boards, sang the Anthem "God So Loved the World", and Psalm 72, (which is the 89th Psalm) "God's mercies I will ever sing" was sung in memory of those valiant women, who almost 50 years ago sang the same Psalm, at the historic Meeting in Knox Church where the union of the three Missionary Societies was consummated!

President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, constituted all Sessions of the Council Meeting and introduced the Moderator of the 87th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. Robert L. Taylor, B.A., D.D., whose Address was the highlight of the evening. Dr. Taylor is a brother of our own Isabel Taylor of Formosa; his Mother was an Honorary Member of the W.M.S.; and his wife is, as he said "up to her ears in W.M.S. work." He spoke of women as the conscience of the Church; the heart and hands of the Church; of how the task of the Church is the task of both men and women, and that in the fellowship of the Church — which is the Church for the laity, both men and women — the work of men and women must integrate and not be separated into compartments. "We must be one in Jesus Christ, in the fellowship of faith and spirit", said Dr. Taylor, "not only reaching out, but deepening the stakes of faith. Deepened and inspired by this love, only then dare we speak out for Jesus Christ. In all we do, we must keep God before us; keep our eyes on our target, and pray that we may go on from strength to strength." Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Chairman of the Overseas Committee on Council Executive, introduced the Rev. Donald H. Powell, B.D., who spent some 8 years working among the Koreans, and who is now, through the General Board of Missions, looking after Overseas Missionaries and Students. Mr. Powell spoke on "The Christian World Mission In A New Age", and brought a graphic picture of the changing needs and opportunities, urging members to keep up with the developing needs, and the latest information from the fields; to really seek to understand what "Mission" means; and to realize that Christ's mission is to all parts of the vineyard.

Each morning of the Council Meetings, Mr. Laird, conducted a Worship Service in the Sanctuary, further developing the deep meaning of the Council Theme, and its full implications, both for the work and the workers. Meetings were held in the Lecture Room of the Church. On Tuesday morning, Treasurer, Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, presented the Treasurer's Statement and reported on the Peace Thanksgiving Fund. Mrs. G. R. Pye, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke on her report, and Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Burnett, reported that during the year 1,147 women became W.M.S. members; 552 adherents; 1,078 jonied other Presbyterian organizations, because of the interest of local Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. Many visits were made to shut-ins, hospital patients, homes for the aged, and to mothers of small children, and some 28,000 letters and cards were sent. Gifts of money, or clothing, went to various Home Agencies and to Overseas Mission Fields. Mrs. Harold Keefer, Life Membership Secretary, reported that in 1961, a total of $22,115 was added to W.M.S. funds through the presentation of 63 Honorary Memberships; 33 In Memoriams; 214 Junior Memberships; and 422 Seals for children.

Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Christian Literature Secretary, reported that almost $15,000 had been sent out in 1961 for Christian Literature throughout the world — that $12,400 of this was from Estimated Grants from Council, and the balance came from Special Gifts and Legacies which were received from individual friends of Christian Literature and Groups of many sizes and types. "Communist books, magazines, and pamphlets by tens of millions are pouring into all of the free world", said Mrs. Cherry. "The Soviet press distributed 100 million volumes of Nikita Khrushchev's writings in the non-communist countries last year and are claiming that, on a world basis, the Bible is being outsold by these Soviet volumes! The U.S.S.R. has a 7-year plan which calls for 340 million dollars to be spent by 1965 in expanding the tremendous propaganda-vehicle, the Soviet printing and publishing industry. In comparison — what *is* the Christian world doing in Christian Literature?" Mrs. Cherry then introduced Dr. Hugh MacMillan, Missionary in Formosa for 36 years, who has now retired from his work in the MacKay Memorial Hospital in Taipei. Dr. MacMillan, who has been active in the production of Christian Literature in that land for many years, told of the importance of good Christian literature in the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, and showed copies of the official Church Magazine, as well as the Women's Magazine, and the new Formosan Hymnal, upon which, for the past six years, our W.M.S. missionary, Miss Isabel Taylor has worked with the Formosan Church in compiling.

A most impressive Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. George Anderson, President of Alberta Synodical before the Session adjourned for Lunch. The first item on the Afternoon Programme was the Presentation of the Estimates for 1963, by the Treasurer, Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, during which each Director presented and explained the need for the Estimate for her own Department — Miss Louise Reith — Organization; Miss Giollo Kelly — National Missions; Miss Mary Whale — Over-

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PRAYER

by MISS DOROTHY KELLER

Regional Secretary, Manitoba

Oh Merciful and Mighty, Everlasting Father, Who knowest our every thought — we bow in humility before Thee.

By Thy loving kindness, we earnestly seek forgiveness for our many sins of disobedience, neglect, selfishness and lack of self-control. We beseech Thee for a renewal of Thy Holy Spirit; to strengthen us, to withstand our daily temptations, and for Thy guidance in our lives at this time.

We extol Thy name, oh Lord. Let our talents be used in the fullest, to express our love for Thee. May Thy love shine through our lives in our words and deeds, making us instruments for Thy purpose.

During this season of physical warmth, Heavenly Father, guide us in our out-of-door wanderings. Awaken our senses to respond to Thy glory through Thy creation. May we be used in all types of Camps, Vacation Schools, Training Centres, and Summer Resorts, to inspire others to follow Thee. Wherever we may travel, and by any method of transportation, be with us, that we may witness to Thee.

Although we may be separated from our friends during this vacation-time, dear Lord, join us together in prayer. We remember our workers in the overseas countries, constantly needing Thy support. We remember our workers in this country, undertaking great responsibilities, perhaps for the first time. We remember our fellow Christians throughout the world, grasping for understanding, fellowship, and love. For those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit, we pray that Thy love and peace will comfort them.

We truly thank Thee, Father, for the love that Thou gave us. For Jesus Christ, Who died that we might surely live, and for Thy Holy Spirit, Who is our sustainer, we humbly thank Thee. As we meditate upon Thy glory, may we ever be thankful for the privilege of being Thy follower. Through Thy Divine grace, uphold us ever to be true to Thee; thinking of Thy purpose for us and our Society, as we plan and train to become more effective witnesses of Thy love and care.

Strengthen us, our Father, to unite the women, girls, and children, of the Church in prayer, study, and service, for the advancement of Thy kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING MESSAGE

(Mrs. A. S. Curr, of Downsview, Ontario, was re-elected, by the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the Forty-Seventh Annual Council Meeting, in Toronto, Ontario, to a second term as President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Bringing the final session of the 1962 Council Meeting to a close, Mrs. Curr left with the members this challenging and forward-looking message for the months ahead—)

MRS. A. S. CURR

"THOU HAST AVOUCHED the Lord this day to be thy God. And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be His peculiar people." (Deuteronomy 26—vs. 17 and 18.)

"You have declared concerning the Lord that He is your God and that you will walk in His ways. And the Lord has declared this day concerning you that you are a people for His own possession." (Deuteronomy 26—vs. 17 and 18, R.S.V.)

The word *avouched* occurs twice here. This word is found in no other part of the Bible. Moses had been directing the people regarding their obligation to God; their responsibility and obedience to His commands.

What does this word mean? Surely it means to guarantee: to affirm or declare; to give assurance; to acknowledge. These words are a covenant between God and His people.

Whenever such a covenant is entered into between God and His people, it is easily seen afterward, in their daily life and conduct. It can be seen by:—

1. *Their Stability of Character.* They walk in His ways.
2. *Their Loyalty of Conduct.* They keep His statutes. That is, they are loyal and obedient to His laws, seeking not their own will, but His.
3. *Their Service, and Perpetual Attention to Divine Things.* They harken unto His voice. They continually listen to Him. This is the human side of the covenant. There is also God's side. That consists of—

First—Divine possession. The Lord has declared that you are a people for His own possession. In other words, God is saying to us, His people, "You are a special and precious treasure." Such a people henceforth belong to God, in the most tender and parental manner.

Second — Honourable distinction. (Verse 19) "to make thee high above all nations which He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour." This does not give us a sense of our own importance, but, rather, should fill us with a sense of deep humility. It is true that these words had special reverence to the Jews, who were God's chosen people, but there are blessings corresponding to this for all consecrated souls today.

This covenant brings us into the *highest sanctity* — "that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord, thy God, as He hath spoken" (verse 19). There can be no doubt, whatever, about this applying to us for the Apostle Peter in his letter, (1st Peter, Chapter 2—verse 9), referring to this very Scripture, says — "ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

To ensure ourselves of these Divine distinctions, we must be willing to give ourselves, in witness, service, and substance, to Him, Who has chosen us, and to others, whose needs are so much greater than ours, and whom we are seeking to serve.

(The following poem was written many years ago, by Colonel Slater, a Salvation Army Officer and writer.)

"And is it so, a gift from me
Dost Thou, dear Lord, request?
Then speak Thy will, whate'er it be,
Obeying, — I am blest!

And dost Thou ask a gift from me?
The talents I possess,
Such as I have, I'll give Thee, Lord
That others may be blest.

And dost Thou ask a gift from me,
A gift of passing time?
My hours I'll give, not grudgingly,
I feel, by right, they're Thine!

And dost Thou ask a gift from me,
A living, faithful heart?
'Tis Thine — for Thou, at Calvary,
For me, with all did'st part."

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

THIS YEAR the Organization Committee, and the staff of the department who were present at the Council Meeting, were able to sit back on Wednesday morning, May 9th, and see themselves as "others see them". It was indeed with kindly understanding that the delegates from the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston looked at the Organization Department, and presented the various aspects of its work.

Those who have attempted, in previous years, to make a presentation of that department's work and its relationships, were keenly aware and appreciative of all the work and planning that had gone into both the visual part and the word descriptions of the presentation.

Mrs. Paul Newton, President of the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, presided over the presentation, which began with the working relationship of Secretaries on Council Executive for Children's, Girls' and Adult work, with the staff secretaries for those departments within the Organization Department. These relationships were illustrated by a Pie Chart, and the responsibilities of the secretaries for the various age groups, including that of receiving and evaluating annual reports, were outlined.

Regional Secretaries:—Mrs. Fred Black, Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical, gave a vivid and accurate account of the work of Regional Secretaries. She outlined their many and varied activities, as they represent the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and the Board of Christian Education in the Synodicals and Synods, working with Synod and Presbytery Committees, giving leadership in training sessions with leaders and officers, and representing the Church on interchurch Boards and Committees.

Other aspects of the department's work were presented as follows:

Providing Materials for Missionary Education—Mrs. John Shepherd, President of Guelph Presbyterial, explained the steps taken in the preparation of Mission Study Packets for Children's, Teenage, and Adult groups, by the different age-group-committees. She told of how themes are chosen by the Commission on Missionary Education, and how the decision is made by Council Executive, on recommendation of the Organization Committee, as to whether or not we will use the suggested theme; then how manuscripts are read; additional material prepared, and how the prepared material then goes to the Publications Department for printing and distribution. Posters were used to demonstrate the steps, and the theme for 1962-63 — "On the Rim of East Asia".

Leadership Training Material — Mrs. V. Weir, President of Kingston Presbyterial, demonstrated, by means of a Flip Chart and posters, the leadership training material prepared for the use of Synodical and Presbyterial Organization Secretaries, and how the material can be used at conferences, and rallies for leaders of children's and girls' groups, and officers of adult groups.

Deputation—Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, on the Synodical Executive, outlined the planning of deputation work for National and Overseas missionaries on furlough; members of Council Executive, and Executive Directors.

Summer Training Centres—Mrs. G. B. Anderson, Secretary for Afternoon Groups on the Synodical Executive, told of how the planning of the summer Training Centres for the next year begins soon after the close of the Centres each year. She described the various activities of the Centres — Bible Study, leadership workshops, and the Christian fellowship enjoyed as all think together of the Church's Mission in Canada and other lands.

Throughout all the above presentations, Mrs. E. McClung, President of Barrie Presbyterial, gave assistance to each, as the many and varied charts and posters were assembled and explained. The whole presentation showed a real knowledge of, and concern for, the work of the Organization Department.

On the Thursday morning following, a brief time was allowed for discussion with the Director of the Organization Department, Miss Louise A. Reith. At that time Miss Reith was very happy to introduce Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E., who had been appointed recently by the Board of Christian Education as National Secretray for Teenage Work, and Miss Mabel Booth, the new National Secretary for Children's Work appointed by the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. Both secretaries spoke briefly, and answered questions related to their work. It is a real joy to the Organization Department to have these two National Secretaries, and to have seven Regional Secretaries working within the seven Synodicals and Synods of the Presbyterian Church, from Quebec to British Columbia.

CORRECTION

In the list of Honorary Members for 1961, published in the May issue of The Glad Tidings, the address given for Mrs. George McArthur was Georgetown, Ont., which is incorrect. This should have read, Montreal, Que.

ANNIVERSARIES' PRESENTATION AT COUNCIL

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Chairman of the Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive, led in the presentation and discussion of plans for the fast approaching Anniversary Year of 1964. In the presentation she was assisted by two other members of the Committee, Mrs. George Peckover and Miss Louise Reith.

The following is a brief summary of "Points to Remember and Talk About" in regard to Anniversary Year 1964:—

Celebrations in Montreal — *The Dates* — May 8 - 9 - 10, *1964*
What and Why are we celebrating?

WHAT?—Two Anniversaries — a 100th and a 50th
  100 years since 1864 when the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, began.
  50 years since the joining together of:
  —the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal
  —the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (begun in 1876)
  —the Women's Home Missionary Society (begun in 1898, 1903)

WHY? — To pay tribute to those who began and have made possible the development of women's share in the Church's mission
  —To look to the future, and how all the women of the Church may be involved in the total mission of the Church

Communications — While it is true that Anniversaries Committees have been formed in many Synodicals and Presbyterials, each group and each member should be informed and should take ressonsibility for telling others about "what" and "why" we are celebrating. Follow the Anniversary Corner in the Glad Tidings; watch for other pieces of information relating to anniversaries; check over past issues of Glad Tidings; create a clippings file for easy reference.

History — A book depicting the growth and development of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. and its work is planned to be off the press in 1964.
—information will be requested from the Synodicals to be in by January 1963.

Special Projects
—*Interest Others* — See that every woman in the Presbyterian Church knows of these anniversaries and the work for which the women of the church are responsible.

—*Glad Tidings* — Aim to have at least 25,000 subscriptions by 1964.

—*Financial Projects* — Aim to have the accepted estimates for maintaining the present work achieved or exceeded each year.

Special Financial Projects

Project	*Objective*	*Rec'd to Date*
National:		
Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg	$18,000	$ 6,864.76
Overseas:		
(1) Nurses' Residence, Jobat, India	10,000	10,000 (completed)
(2) Christian Education Building, Taipei	7,500	1,428.90
Hsin Chu Bible School	2,500	
	10,000	

Urge that:—money collected be sent in promptly through regular channels

—equal support be given to National and Overseas projects

The Anniversary Book — is being provided so that all members and friends will have an opportunity to join in this memorable occasion by signing the book and making a donation.

The funds collected will be used for some piece of work yet to be decided, and to cover the necessary expenses incurred in connection with the 1964 meeting.

The request has been made that a "Key Woman" be appointed in each congregation. Her job will be to provide an opportunity for all to sign. Pages, accompanied with complete instructions, will be forwarded to key women in September 1962 and the work on this project within the congregation should be completed by the end of December 1962; collected within Presbyterials and Synodicals in 1963, that pages may be bound together for the celebration in 1964.

Please address all enquiries to:—

Secretary, Anniversaries' Committee
Women's Missionary Society, W.D.
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West
Toronto 1, Ontario.

GLEANINGS FROM COUNCIL 1962 BY A "FIRST-TIME" DELEGATE

(Mrs. G. A.) ANNA M. CUNNINGHAM
of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta

AFTER FOUR STIMULATING DAYS as a "first-time" delegate to Council, I have gleaned, from its proceedings, what I believe to be of great concern to you and your Auxiliary for the coming months. The great warmth of fellowship and hospitality that greeted us in Knox Church, Toronto, is also something every W.M.S. member may experience, and share continually wherever she may serve.

A study of the Relationship of Women of the Church to the Church, is to continue, with consideration of the problem of the division between the Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, and the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division. The Women's Missionary Society, W.D., will follow the work of various Committees under the General Assembly, and indicate to them our desire to enable the women of the Church to participate most effectively in the total mission of the Church. Reports of this study will be sent to Synodicals during the year.

The great need for Christian literature in every country merits our continuing, growing support. The Communist world has literature in untold quantities for all ages in every nation available at small expense. Our own homes must be provided with Christian literature also.

Estimates for the work of the Society in 1963, of $407,765.00 for the General Fund and $19,390.00 for Supply, were accepted unanimously by the delegates on your behalf. This represents a large increase, but new work in many fields and increases in staff salaries cannot be withheld. Remembering that we "can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth . . . us," let us meet the challenge of 1962 and accept the challenge of 1963.

It was our privilege to meet a number of Women's Missionary Society, W.D. staff members and missionaries in National and Overseas fields. During these presentations, concern was shown for Indian Canadian and Chinese neighbours in Canada. What can you and your Auxiliary do to draw them into Christian fellowship?

We hope that you will seek out your Council delegates, hear their formal reports to Presbyterial, invite them to your group meetings, and talk with them informally, about what they have learned, whom they have met, and what they can share that particularly concerns you.

Your Prayers are asked

—For our Missionaries, who are serving in Down-Town Missions, that they may be given courage and Divine inspiration in carrying out their arduous task.

—For the staff at Tyndale House, Montreal, that their witness will bear rich fruit for Him as they work with the children and youth in the Church School and week-day Groups.

—For all members and leaders of W.M.S. groups, that the summer months may be a time of both physical and spiritual renewal.

—For all who attend W.M.S. Training Centres, that each may receive encouragement, inspiration, and skills to enable her to serve more effectively in the place God has called her to serve.

—That the whole membership of our Society might understand more deeply the need for the presentation of the Gospel in every field abroad, and with greater intensity; pray that we may understand, as individuals, our calling as disciples in these days.

Are YOU planning to attend —

A Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre in 1962?

Dates and Places:

JULY 9-JULY 13, 1962—Albert College, Belleville, Ontario.

JULY 23-JULY 27, 1962—Alberta College, Edmonton, Alberta

See May and June issues of "The Glad Tidings" for other information about the Training Centres.

WITH THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL

by MISS GIOLLO KELLY, B.A.

WEDNESDAY, May 9th, 1962, was an interesting and informative day for the women who attended the 47th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W. D.). It was on that day that the Synodicals took charge of the programme, and presented the work of the Society by a variety of methods.

To the Synodicals of Alberta, and Hamilton and London, had been allotted the task of presenting the work of the National Department, with Alberta taking responsibility for our ministry to the Chinese people in Canada and the Indian Canadians, and Hamilton and London assuming responsibility for the work of our Deaconess Department.

Mrs. George Anderson, Synodical President, introduced the members of the Alberta Synodical, who presented the phases of the work allotted to them by the time-line method. Much ingenuity and thought had gone into the preparation of the presentation, as was evidenced by the scrolls and posters which had been made to depict the work from its early beginnings until the present. Amongst these was a large beehive, with pictures of various phases of our work in the Chinese Mission in Vancouver, superimposed upon it, vividly interpreting the words of one of our Vancouver Chinese staff members who once referred to the church there as a "beehive of activity". A drawing of two persons, capped and gowned, displayed the faces of two graduates of our Chinese Kindergarten and Church in Vancouver, the Rev. Ronald J. Con and Miss Dixie Kee, who are now graduates of Knox and Ewart Colleges respectively. Posters on the Indian Canadians ranged from colourful ones to their manner of life, before the influx of the "white man", to those depicting the present day integration programme.

Mrs. W. H. Henry of Calgary and Mrs. F. Davies of Fort St. John, traced the history of the Chinese people in Canada, from the time when Chinese men came to work as labourers during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railways in British Columbia, and as prospectors during the Cariboo gold mining days. The ratio of Chinese men to women, in those early days of our country's history, was computed as forty to one. They were denied

Citizenship rights, and consequently, their role was that of sojourners, deprived of normal family life, aliens in a strange land, dwelling in the midst of a people who spoke an unfamiliar tongue, amongst whom they were unwelcome.

Christian work among the Chinese in Canada began with the teaching of English, and the conduct of Sunday School classes by interested laymen and women of the Church. In 1887, a petition was sent to the General Assembly, requesting the appointment of a full-time worker amongst the Chinese people. As a result, our first Chinese minister, as well as a non-Chinese minister, were appointed.

Our Church's ministry began in Victoria, Vancouver, and Montreal, before the turn of the century and, in 1910, work was established in Toronto under the auspices of Knox Presbyterian Church. In more recent years work was established in Windsor, and this year a deaconess was appointed to work with some 600 Chinese living in Sudbury, many of whom look to Knox Presbyterian Church there as their church home.

It was pointed out that 1947 marked a great change for the Chinese people in Canada, for that was the year in which they were granted full citizenship rights, and native born, or naturalized, Chinese were permitted to bring their wives and children, up to twenty-one years of age, into Canada. This change in the Immigration regulations resulted in the influx of over 25,000 Chinese to our nation in the ensuing years, only one in ten of whom, it is estimated, had any contact with the Christian Church, prior to coming to this country. A brief review of the work of our Chinese Department staff revealed to the delegates the many ways in which the challenge of this enlarged mission field is being met.

Mrs. G. A. Cunningham, of Rocky Mountain House, and Mrs. L. H. Blackbourne, of Lethbridge, presented our mission to the Indian Canadian. Mrs. Cunningham indicated the migration of the various tribes into Canada from the south, and presented a fine picture of our Church's work with the Indian Canadians through the years. Reference was made to our Indian Residential Schools at Birtle and Kenora, which were originally established by our Society, but which are now owned and supported by the Federal Government, with our Society having the right and privilege of administering them. Mention was made of the integration programme which has resulted in only the lower school grades being conducted in the Residential schools, with the remainder of the children attending the public schools in the area. The delegates were informed of the fine showing which our Indian students made in various musical festivals, and art and writing competitions. The work of Presbyterian Fellowship House, as it relates to our

Indian Canadians, was emphasized. It was referred to as a bridge in our integration programme. This work, together with our ministry on the reserves; the weekly broadcast, "Mission Time", from Kenora; and the new hostel in Kenora sponsored by the General Board of Missions; all join to perform our Mission to the Indian Canadians.

Mrs. Blackbourne, referring to the colourful posters of Indian life in the early days of our Country's history, pointed out that the "white man's" dealings with Canada's earliest settlers resulted in taking the colour out of their lives, and robbing them of much of their initiative. She brought out some of the more recent developments relating to Indian Canadians, and referred to a number of persons who have been able to overcome the many obstacles, that confront people of Indian origin, and have taken their places as valued citizens to our nation.

Mrs. D. MacInnes, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, introduced six "new" staff members to the delegates. Mrs. R. S. Burnham of Sarnia, as "Miss Hospital Visitor", spoke of the visitation work being carried on in Vancouver, New Westminster, Winnipeg, and Montreal, as our workers in these areas bring comfort and assistance, in the name of our Society and Church, to many who are laid aside in hospitals and nursing homes. Mrs. L. Herold, of Shakespeare, as "Miss Institutional Worker" outlined the programmes carried on in Tyndale House, Montreal, and in St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver. Mrs. E. W. Krampp of Walkerton, representing "Miss Port Receptionist", told of the work at the ports of Montreal and Quebec City, where newcomers are welcomed in the name of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and given help as needed to assist them on their way to their destination, where, through the combined efforts of our Immigration Department, the Welcome and Welfare Department of our Society, and the minister, the hand of Christian fellowship and friendship is extended to them.

Mrs. A. B. Dobie of Chippawa, as "Miss Presbytery Deaconess" outlined the varied work which these members of our staff are called upon to perform. Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon of Hamilton, as "Miss Downtown Missions", indicated the different areas of Toronto where our staff are at work, endeavouring to meet the many and varied needs of the "Inner City". Mrs. R. B. Ross of Watford, represented "Miss Vans" and described the work of our deaconesses and student deaconesses who serve on the three missionary vans, which our Society operates in Western Canada.

A very sincere thank you is extended by the National Department to all members of the Alberta, and Hamilton and London Synodicals for the fine presentation of our National work.

Members of the National staff present at the Council included Mrs.

W. B. Leatherdale, Hospital Visitor in Montreal, and Miss Martine Jansen van Beek, Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Temiskaming. Delegates were afforded the opportunity of meeting the National Missionaries working in Toronto, who were present for some of the sessions. These included Miss Hazell Davis, Miss Florence Goertzen, and Miss Dorothy McCombie, of our Downtown Missions staff, and Miss Gee Bun Lee of our Chinese staff. They also were introduced to the three new National Missionaries, Miss Mary Duffin, Miss Louise Gamble and Miss Sheila Stephens.

One of the highlights of the Council occurred on the Thursday evening when representatives of the various departments of our Society addressed the delegates and visitors on the topic, "The Challenge of Discipleship". Miss Mary Duffin spoke on behalf of the new members of the National staff, and in a very fine manner told of what the Challenge of Discipleship meant to her, as she, in answer to God's Call, was about to begin her life of full-time service in the Church of Jesus Christ. Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale spoke on behalf of the National staff members, who have been in the service of the Society for some years. She related some of her many experiences as a Hospital Visitor to men, women and children in the hospitals and nursing homes of Canada's largest city, and spoke of the Challenge of Discipleship as it affects her life, as she seeks to meet that challenge in the service of the Great Physician.

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CANADA — OUR HERITAGE!

(Dominion Day — July 1, 1962)

"Land for which our fathers suffered

Land for which the sons have wrought,

Sacred heritage of freedom

By the strife of ages bought,

Hear us, for this land, Jehovah!

Save the land that we love best,

Be thy blessing on its banners

Wide unfurled from east to west.

Land of welcome for the stranger,

Land of school, and hearth, and spire,

Land of homes for all the homeless,

Land of all the world's desire,

Hear us, for our land, Jehovah!

Bless our brave old flag today,

In the shadow, and the sunlight,

Father, be our strength and stay."

(Selected)

OVERSEAS PRESENTATION AT COUNCIL

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

THE SYNODICAL SOCIETY of Saskatchewan presented the work of our Society in India and British Guiana. Miss Hazel Macdonald chaired a panel which presented the work in Formosa, Nigeria, and the Korean Christian Church in Japan. The panel: Rev. C. Cheng of Formosa, Rev. I. Ude of Nigeria, and Miss M. E. Whale.

Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, introduced Overseas staff who were present. She welcomed Miss Mary Nichol of the Eastern Division who serves as Director of Nursing Education in Jobat, India; Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Director of the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore, India; Miss Hazel Macdonald, recently evangelistic missionary to Formosa; Miss Ida White of the Mobile Medical staff, Bhil Field, India; and Miss Helen Acton who had just returned from her work as Director of Nursing Service in Jobat, India. They were presented to Council.

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. W. Logan, who represented the Director of Overseas Missions of our Society, and Mrs. A. C. Marshall, who represented a Synodical President, the various aspects of work in India and British Guiana were presented. Mrs. W. J. Hislop spoke of the work of evangelism in the Bhil field, particularly emphasizing the gradual growth and development of women's work. She also presented the work of education in both the Bhil field and at the Helen MacDonald Higher Secondary School for Girls in Jhansi, India. The importance of Christian schools to the life of the Church and the nation was emphasized. Her presentations were illustrated by posters.

Miss Mary Nichol spoke of the medical work in the Bhil field, emphasizing the contribution which the School of Nursing makes to all the medical work and thus to the whole of Christian work in that area.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy illustrated, by use of a map, the great strength that is found by Christian groups working together to provide institutions of the calibre of the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore, Vellore Christian Medical College, and Ludhiana Christian Medical College. She introduced Miss Devamma Puruchottam, who had been a student at Vellore, and is now working in Toronto in preparation for further study.

Mrs. St. T. Morris presented the work in British Guiana. With a number of illustrative posters, which showed the development of our share of Christian work in British Guiana, she emphasized the importance of a strong witness being continued and strengthened there.

The speakers in the Panel presenting Formosa, Nigeria, and the Korean Christian Church in Japan, were limited by time to speak of medical work, women's work, and very briefly on Christian education. The need for the training of nurses to serve in Nigeria was stressed by Mr. Ude, as well as the great need of his country for a larger medical service. Mr. Cheng spoke of the service being rendered by Mackay Hospital, and the outreach being made by medical-evangelistic groups into Formosan and mountain villages. Miss Whale made mention of the hope that the Koreans had expressed that they might develop clinics for their people. Our Church has not been able to meet their very great need. Mr. Ude, Mr. Cheng, and Miss Whale, stressed the development there has been in women's work in the three countries they represented. The social status of women is being enhanced by their participation in the work of the Church. In all countries women stand most firmly behind the real growth and development of the Church. Miss Macdonald paid tribute to the work of the Formosan women within the Formosan Church.

The need for men with better training, at all levels in the Church, was stressed by the whole Panel. Training for full time workers in the Church, for lay leaders in the Church, for youth and children, — all need the greatest attention in all countries these days. Christian schools and universities contribute to the development of Christian leadership.

The Council was made aware that there has never been such opportunity, as exists now, for the presentation of the Christian Gospel in every aspect of life in new and developing nations. These nations, moreover, look to Christian leaders to set a standard.

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS
January - April 1962

	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 825.00	500.00
Alberta	1,300.00	....
Saskatchewan	....	848.69
Manitoba	....	1,541.25
Hamilton and London	12,463.00	9,417.00
Toronto and Kingston	8,258.00	8,839.30
Montreal and Ottawa	7,357.00	6,590.00
	$30,203.00	$27,736.24

In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. Wm. R. Gibson	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. John Forgie	Jubilee, Stayner	Barrie
Mrs. Thomas Risebrough	Jubilee, Stayner	Barrie
Mrs. Jean Graham	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. Isabel Laidler Hunter	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. Chester Denndstedt	Knox, Carbury	Brandon
Mrs. J. A. MacLean	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. Hugh Greenwood	Knox, Wallaceburg	Chatham
Mrs. Norman MacInnis	Kenyon, Dunvegan	Glengarry
Miss Maud McGregor	Gordon, St. Elmo	Glengarry
Mrs. Donald Waldie	Knox, Acton	Guelph
Mrs. Herbert Miller	St. Andrew's, Ross	Lanark and Renfrew
Miss Mae E. Johnston	St. Andrew's, Perth	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. May Mackenzie Freeman	Knox, St. Thomas	London
Miss Mary Parker	Knox Crescent and Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. Elizabeth P. Shepherd	Knox Crescent and Kensington, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. Daisy Renton	Knox, Brantford	Paris
Mrs. M. Torrance	St. Andrew's, Tisdale	Prince Albert
Miss Kate Watson	St. John's, Aberarder	Sarnia
Mrs. W. T. Beattie	St. Aiden's, New Westminster	Westminster
Mrs. Ida McIntyre	Wychwood, Toronto	West Toronto

(In the June issue, we deeply regret that the name of Mrs. J. L. Turner, of Collingwood, was printed, in error, in the "In Remembrance" column.)

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NEVER!

"The Christian need never be the victim of death. Death, to him, means a messenger from eternity, come to open the halls of heaven, and, though the corridor through which God leads one may be dark, it opens into a broad, resplendent mansion where He Who has conquered death awaits. In His presence there is joy, and at His right hand, pleasures forevermore."

(C. Ralston Smith in "Christianity Today")

Ewart College 1962 Graduating Class

DOROTHY C. JOHNSTON R.N.
ELSIE M. TAYLOR R.N.
E. ANNE HOWSON R.N.
M. ROSE CHAMBERS R.N.
DOREEN R. MORRISON R.N.
MARY-LOU M. FUNSTON R.N.
SHEILA V. STEPHENS
MARION E. MOORE
M. LOUISE GAMBLE
DIXIE KEE
MARY E. DUFFIN
EMMA W. ELTON
VERNA COGHLIN B.A.
MISS MARGARET WEBSTER BA.,B.Ed.
PRINCIPAL
MISS ADA ADAMS B.Sc.
DEAN
SHIRLEY M. SMART
Ashley & Crippen

Introducing
1962 EWART COLLEGE GRADUATES

Graduates who received the Diploma of the College

VERNA COGHLIN, B.A., — of Listowel, Ontario, who will return to the teaching profession in September, and teach in an Elementary School in Hamilton, Ontario.

MARY DUFFIN — of Ilderton, Ontario, formerly a teacher and now going to Sudbury to work in new churches there. (Staff of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division.)

EMMA ELTON — of St. John's, Newfoundland, formerly Personnel Secretary in the United States Airforce Base at Pepperell, Newfoundland, will now become Director of Christian Education in the Presbyterian Church of the Town of Mount Royal.

MARY-LOU FUNSTON, Reg.N. — of Paisley, Ontario, who will become Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Brandon, Manitoba. (Staff of General Board of Missions.)

LOUISE GAMBLE — of Chatsworth, Ontario, who will serve on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

DIXIE KEE — of Vancouver, British Columbia, who will continue her University studies.

MARION MOORE — of Vancouver, British Columbia, formerly a stenographer, who will now become Director of Christian Education in Knox Presbyterian Church, Goderich.

SHIRLEY SMART — of Calgary, Alberta, formerly a stenographer who will now become Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Calgary. (General Board of Missions staff.)

SHEILA STEPHENS — of Barrie, Ontario, who will become Presbytery Deaconess on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, and has been appointed to work in the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Graduates who received the Special Course Certificate

ROSE CHAMBERS, Reg.N. — of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, who will undertake studies towards her nursing degree at the University of Western Ontario in the autumn.

ANNE HOWSON, Reg.N. — of London, Ontario, who joins the staff of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, and in the autumn will go to work among the lepers in Nigeria.

DOROTHY JOHNSTON, Reg.N. — of Hamilton, Ontario, who will return to the University of Western Ontario in the autumn to complete a degree in nursing.

DOREEN MORRISON, Reg.N. — of Hamilton, Ontario, who has been appointed by the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, to work on a mobile medical unit in Central India.

ELSIE TAYLOR, Reg.N. — of Victoria, British Columbia, who has been appointed by the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, tc work in nursing education in Nigeria.

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EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION

by MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., B.Ed.

Principal of Ewart College

Fourteen young women graduated from Ewart College at the 1962 graduation service at Knox College, Toronto, on Thursday, April 26. The Reverend E. H. Bean, B.A., B.Th., B.D., minister of the Presbyterian Church in Kensington, Prince Edward Island, and a member of the Board of the College, conducted the worship. The Ewart College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L., sang the anthems "Lift Thine Eyes" (F. Mendelssohn) and "Dedication Hymn" (composed by Mr. Rosevear). The Reverend R. L. Taylor, B.A., D.D., Moderator of the 87th General Assembly, was present to share in the service.

"Vocation for Angry Young Women" was the title given by the Reverend J. C. McLelland, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics at Presbyterian College, Montreal, in his address to the graduating class. Dr. McLelland emphasized the fact that every Church leader must be ready to look critically at the Church in her attitudes and actions, to be angry for much that is seen there, and to take positive steps to guide her into the ways and will of God.

Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, B.A., chairman of the Board of the College, presided. In her remarks Mrs. Taylor reported that the new College building is nearing completion and that the campaign for funds has now reached almost 80% of the necessary objective to complete the payments.

The principal of the College, Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., reported on the year's work which had been carried on under difficult conditions in temporary quarters. Appreciation was expressed to the Presbyterian families, the Anglican Women's Training College, and the United Church Training School, who provided living accommodation for the students. Miss Webster reported that 29 students were enrolled in the College during the year.

Graduation diplomas and certificates were presented by Miss Webster, and scholarships and awards by Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of the College, to the folowing:

GRADUATION DIPLOMA

Verna Coghlin, B.A., Listowel, Ontario

Mary Duffin, Ilderton, Ontario

Emma Elton, St. John's, Newfoundland

Mary-Lou Funston, Reg.N., Paisley, Ontario

Louise Gamble, Chatsworth, Ontario

Dixie Kee, Vancouver, British Columbia

Marion Moore, Vancouver, British Columbia

Shirley Smart, Calgary, Alberta

Sheila Stephens, Barrie, Ontario.

SPECIAL COURSE CERTIFICATE

Rose Chambers, Reg.N., New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Anne Howson, Reg.N., London, Ontario

Dorothy Johnston, Reg.N., Hamilton, Ontario

Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., Hamilton, Ontario

Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Victoria, British Columbia

GENERAL PROFICIENCY SCHOLARSHIPS

First Year

1. Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario
2. Ardys Gilbert, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Second Year

1. Sharon Wiseman, Rosetown, Saskatchewan (The Jennie A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship)
2. Florence Hood, Kirkwall, Ontario

Third Year

1. Mary-Lou Funston, Paisley, Ontario, and Dixie Kee, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Isobel Glenn Prize—Louise Gamble, Chatsworth, Ontario

Alumnae Scholarship — Florence Hood, Kirkwall, Ontario

The Gwendolyn Langford Memorial Scholarship — not awarded in 1962

The Ada Major Scholarship — Florence Hood, Kirkwall, Ontario

The Jennie and Bell Hossack Memorial Scholarship — Ardys Gilbert, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario

The Jane Beatrice Gray Scholarship — to be awarded for the first time in 1963

The Leonie Pirch Award — Mary Duffin, Ilderton, Ontario; Louise Gamble, Chatsworth, Ontario

The Elizabeth Scott McKay Memorial Scholarship — Florence Hood, Kirkwall, Ontario; Dixie Kee, Vancouver, British Columbia

LET'S LOOK BACK AT A MEETING IN 1890

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

(Some of our Women's Missionary Society members may be planning special Anniversary presentations at group meetings, Fall Rallies, Presbyterials, or other "special events". The suggested skit which follows may be used to plan such a presentation. Because of space limitations, this skit is rather short, but it can easily be expanded by adding discussion, business, or other items.)

(Part of the material for this skit was selected from a carefully preserved "Missionary Lesson Leaf" of the 1890's, belonging to the mother of Mrs. Emily Douglas of Streetsville, a life-time member of the W.M.S. The letters are extracts quoted from the 1890 editions of the Monthly Letter Leaflet *of the W.F.M.S.)*

SCENE

A meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in a western Ontario town, about 1890. Ladies should be dressed, if possible, in clothes of the period, (unearthed from attics and trunks). Several pieces of period furniture, pictures, lamps, would add to the setting.

Narrator: As we look forward to the centenary of our Society in 1964, it is good to remind ourselves that we stand in a long tradition of faithful women, meeting in local groups, working and studying and planning, much as we do today, spanning 100 years of service. Today we are going to remind ourselves of this, by looking-in at a typical Meeting of a typical Society of 70 years ago — a meeting of the W.F.M.S. group in a western Ontario congregation in the year 1890.

As our scene opens, the ladies are concluding the devotional section of the meeting by singing a hymn:—

(The actresses enter, and group themselves in a semicircle around the room. They should sing the following stanzas to any familiar Common Metre tune.)

Ladies: (Singing)

Jesus, the Lord of glory, died
That we might never die;
And now He reigns supreme, to guide
His people to the sky.

From his high throne in bliss he deigns
Our every prayer to heed;
Bears with our follies, soothes our pains
Supplies our every need.

And from his love's exhaustless
spring,
Joys like a river come,
To make the desert bloom and sing,
O'er which we travel home.

(All are seated except President.)

President: — Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for leading us in our devotions. Now ladies, we will ask Mrs. MacPherson, our Secretary, to read a letter from one of our missionaries, printed in the copy of the LEAFLET which arrived last week.

Secretary: — (standing and reading:) Our letter this month is from Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, in Lin Chang, China.

"This station is a new one, and therefore has no extensive work going on. We have a large number of women come to see us; but most of them come to *see* rather than to *hear*. Still, who knows but that words dropped with prayer and faith into even unbelieving hearts may some day bring forth fruit? Some of the women do seem interested. Last week we had a visit from the wife of one of the officials. The three things that interested her were the baby, the organ, and the sewing machine. When she went home, so we are told, she said she felt we were so much better than they, and wished her people were more like us. This was rather encouraging coming from a woman in her position, as the official class as a rule are exceedingly proud, thinking that all outside of China are barbarians.

The Chinese are afraid to let us have their children come and learn. They say, among many absurd things, that we want to take out their eyes to make medicine. Will the dear friends at home pray that God may make these poor ignorant people willing to listen and have their children taught?

I would like very much if some of the children of our Church would make some scrap-book picture books, with pictures illustrating the life of our Saviour. They would be a help to me in teaching, if I go with my husband next fall to Honan."

(A buzz of conversation from the group . . . "Isn't that interesting . . . all foreigners 'barbarians' . . . we must start a scrap book . . . etc.")

President: — Now ladies, for our items of business. Our Presbyterial Society has been assigned the provision of supplies for 40 Indian Children in school at Birtle, Manitoba. Madame Secretary, will you please read Mr. McLaren's request in his recent letter?

Secretary: — (reading)

"Clothing for the head is important, especially in winter. The children should have warm caps that can be drawn well over the ears. For summer, the boys require strong tweed hats; straw ones are of little use — the girls need sun-bonnets. Clothing for the boys, especially shirts and pants, should be of strong, warm material, coats and vests are not so quickly worn out. For dresses and aprons, the girls require something strong, such as cottonade — print is not worth making up.

Nothing has given us more trouble than footwear. We have tried moccasins but I consider them useless; they last only a short time. In the wet snow they are no better than cloth, and I believe are the cause of much of the sickness among Indians. We should have a supply of strong shoes for the boys, and a little lighter for the girls."

PRESIDENT:—You have heard the requests, ladies. Now we must make our plans for collecting and sending our bale.

(A brief discussion may be improvised here, depending on your timing. A sewing bee could be planned; materials and patterns to be donated; discussion about procuring suitable shoes.)

President: — Our subjects for prayer this month, Christian friends, are the French Canadian Missions and the Indians of the North-West. May I remind you all to be faithful and fervent in your prayers. Our closing hymn is "Happy the Home".

(The group stand to sing the two verses below — #708 in The Book of Praise)

"Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp his fame,
And parents hold him dear."

President and ladies: — "Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for the Holy Bible and the Holy Spirit, to create and bless Christian homes. May gospel light reach all the families of the earth, and make us faithful, to whom much has been given. For the Redeemer's sake, Amen."

Narrator: — The scene, the fashions, change — but the study and work of the Society continue. May we as Society members be worthy of our great heritage!

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BETTER!

Tis better to hope, though clouds hang low,
And to keep the eyes uplifted;
The fair blue sky will soon peep through
When the ominous clouds are lifted.

There was never a night without a day,
Or an evening without a morning;
And the darkest hour, as the proverb tells,
Is the hour before the dawning!
(Author Unknown)

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seas Missions; Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry — Publications. Questions were asked and answered, and the total Estimate was fully discussed. Following the Tea Hour, Miss Ellen Haw, Chairman of the Anniversaries Committee, conducted the Anniversaries Presentation. Again, each Director, in turn, spoke, this time telling of the Special Anniversary Project emanating from her Department. The full account of this interesting Presentation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. J. S. Clarke, M.A., D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, who attended the Meetings of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, conducted the Worship Service on Tuesday Evening, using the ritual prayer service used at those Meetings. Dr. Clarke spoke from John 17, stressing our calling as Christians, and members of His Church. "Whatever we do, in Church or Missionary Society, we do, not for ourselves, but for the world", said Dr. Clarke, "We become His voice, His presence, in the world — messengers of His love, grace, and redemption". Of outstanding interest was the Panel Discussion on the Meetings of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, in which all the panelists had participated. The Rev. E. H. Johnson, B.Sc., B.Th., D.D., Overseas Secretary on the General Board of Missions, was Chairman, and others taking part were the Rev. D. Courcey H. Rayner, B.A., Editor of The Presbyterian Record; the Rev. Stuart B. Coles, B.A., Laity Secretary on the Board of Christian Education; his wife Mrs. Teça Coles, who accompanied him; and Miss Patricia Hanna, Youth Delegate from the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This presentation was actually one of the most noteworthy and informative of the week, and the searching Question and Discussion Period which followed was of equal interest, because so many of the audience participated and the questions asked were so pertinent, and unrehearsed. Both Mrs. Coles and Miss Hanna have each written two excellent Articles for our magazine, which I hope everyone has read.

Wednesday was the day given completely to "The Interpretation of The Work", and this year, for the first time, this was not done by the Directors of the Departments and their Staffs. This had been given into the capable hands of the delegates from the different Synodicals, and they it was who planned and carried out in their own way, the Presentation and Interpretation of the Department which had been allotted them, according as they themselves saw the Work, and thought it out, pro and con, considering its potentiality, its virtues, or its failures. It was a truly wonderful day, well done, and with splendid presentations in every case, and these you will read about in detail under each Department Heading of our magazine. The Publications Department, however, is my own Department, and this I must tell you about right here.

The delegates from Manitoba gave the "Interpretation of the Publications Department", in a well-planned Panel, of which Mrs. H. J. Loney, President of Manitoba Synodical was Chairman. Mrs. R. J. Hood, of Carberry, President of Brandon Presbyterial, spoke on "The Glad Tidings", and stressed the 1964 objective of at least 25,000 subscribers; pointed out its use and value; Mrs. C. J. McKinnon, of Wellwood, Treasurer of Brandon Presbyterial, told of the literature handled by our Literature Department; the Displays available and sent out; the literature produced by this Department — Annual Reports, Programmes, Study Packets, etc., and the great value of a Literature Secretary in each Auxiliary. Mrs. I. Mitchell, of Port Arthur, Evening Groups Secretary of Superior Presbyterial, described the "Travelling Book Stores" and how they might be of greater value to the Auxiliaries. Mrs. F. L. Jones, of Winnipeg, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, showed the importance of good Public Relations, and how this tied-in, not only with the Publications Department, but with all angles of our work. Questions were brought out, and answered with careful detail; good suggestions were discussed and evaluated. Posters and Charts were used, and I'm sure that a better understanding of the diversity of the work carried on through the Publications Department, was gained through this actively-interested Panel, than could have been given in any other way. I am very grateful to Manitoba Delegates for their very fine Presentation.

Wednesday Evening was free, and many of the Delegates took advantage of this to visit the newly-completed Ewart College. The Thursday morning Session was spent in Summarizing — Discussing — and Interpretation, of the excellent Synodical Presentations of Departmental Work, of Wednesday. Each Director had the opportunity of bringing before the Delegates the things she considered of prime importance in her Departmental work, and to answer any questions arising. In the Afternoon, Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Treasurer, conducted the Consideration and Acceptance of the 1963 Estimates, and the Budget of $407,765.00 was unanimously accepted by the Delegates who on their return will explain to the 30,000 Adult members of the Society their responsibility to raise this amount, so that the present work of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) may be continued, and extensive new work be undertaken. Following this, came the interesting Address of Mrs. John G. Middleton, who is one of the three women members of The Administrative Council of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This Committee was first formed following the Meeting of General Assembly in 1960, when Mrs. Middleton was appointed for a three-year term and the first meeting of the new Administrative Council was held in September, 1960. There are 18 members — 10 Ministers; 5 Laymen; 3 Women. Two-day Meetings are held twice each year; the Executive meets five times a year, and the Sub-Executive at the call of the Chairman. Mrs. Middleton gave in her "Woman's View" a concise and informative account of some of the important matters handled by this Committee, and said "All our problems actually boil down to money — or the lack of it — but, in the past two years the financial affairs of our Church have improved."

Thursday evening, the Rev. R. M. Ransom, Th.B., Assistant Overseas Secretary on the General Board of Missions, gave the Worship Service, based on the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter one (the New Revised Version). Mrs. John A. Newstead, Immediate Past President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, was Soloist and sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked", with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Harold Keefer, who was Organist at all Sessions of Council. President Mrs. A. S. Curr conducted the Presentation of Service Bars and Pins. Twenty-five-Year Service Pins were presented, in absentia to Miss Mary Sherrick, of India, and received by Immediate Past President, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson; Miss Edith Magee, of India, received by Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Chairman of the Overseas Committee; and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.N.Sc., of India, received, in person the Bar for her 30 years of Service; Miss Nellie Smith, on behalf of Miss Lily Simpson, Nurse-Evangelist on the Bhil Field, who retires this year, received the Bar for her 35 years of Service on the Field. Also honoured was Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., a graduate Deaconess and now Director of Organization on Council Executive.

Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions, presented the following Missionaries and members of Staff — Miss Nichol, of the Eastern Division; Miss Bessie MacMurchy, of India; Miss Hazel Macdonald, home from Formosa; Miss Helen Acton from Jobat and four new Overseas Missionaries; Miss Athalie Read, going to British Guiana; Miss Elsie Taylor, going to Nigeria; Miss Doreen Morrison, going to the

Bhil Field; Miss Anne Howson, going to nurse among the Lepers in Nigeria. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Director of National Missions, introduced Mrs. Leatherdale, Hospital Visitor in Montreal; Miss Martine Van Beek, Deaconess in Temiskaming; Miss Dorothy McCombie, Deaconess going to Winnipeg; Miss Hazell Davis, Deaconess of West Toronto Presbytery; Miss Vera Carson, Secretary of her Department; and three new graduates of Ewart College — Miss Mary Duffin, Teacher, going to Chinese work in Sudbury; Miss Louise Gamble, to Chinese work in Montreal, and Miss Sheila Stephens, Presbytery Deaconess for Hamilton. Miss Louise Reith, M.A., Director of Organizations, introduced Miss Helen Tetley, newly- appointed National Secretary for Teen-Age Work; Miss Mable Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work; and three Regional Secretaries — Miss Ruby Walker; Miss Clare Hanes; Miss Lois Powrie. In conclusion, President Mrs. Curr spoke on "The Challenge of Discipleship". This was followed by a delightful Reception when Miss Hazel Macdonald, retiring from her years of work in Formosa, was honoured by the presentation of a corsage, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Sinclair, presented to her the gift of a cheque from the Council Executive. Refreshments were served by members of the Central Committee of East and West Toronto Presbyterials.

Friday morning saw the conclusion of the Annual Council business, and the Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Miss Luzetta McClelland. A corsage was presented, by Mrs. L. B. Beath, on behalf of Council, to Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, who now retires as Treasurer, after 8 years of loyal service; and Mrs. J. G. Inkster, also on behalf of Council, thanked Mrs. Curr for her devoted services as President during the past year, and presented her with a corsage. Mrs. Kenneth Philp, Secretary of Council Executive, presented the "Courtesies" to all who had in any way helped to make possible, and successful this 47th Annual Council Meeting, especially the Session and Board of Managers of Knox Church and the Rev. Mr. Laird, whose morning Worship Services had meant so much to all Council members. The Election and Installation of Officers for 1962-63 was then conducted by the Rev. J. M. Laird, B.A., B.D. Mrs. A. S. Curr was unanimously returned as President, and her fine closing Message of inspiration and appreciation is published in this issue.

NORTHWARD HO!

by SHIRLEY DREDGE and FLORENCE HOOD

JUNE

"Dawson Creek, Mile Zero on the Alaska Highway! Is the Van all packed! Check the list — sleeping bags, food box, stove, organ, folding table and chairs, supplies for the Vacation School, suitcases, spare tires and maps. It must be all in, for there's no room left! It's a good thing we don't have to take all our food supplies with us. We can shop at Fort St. John and the other larger towns — Fort Nelson, Watson Lake and Whitehorse. Let's go!"

"This new pavement is wonderful. Too bad it won't last! Soon we'll be travelling on gravel. This certainly is a winding road. Look! There is the Peace River! I think we should take a picture of the river winding through the rich farmland. The old meets the new — look at the new bridge and the Taylor Oil Refinery across the river!"

"Well, we must be on our way again, for we have many miles to cover. Let's check the list. Oh yes, we are scheduled to visit Fort St. John, Wonowon, Sikanni, and five other camps between Dawson Creek and Whitehorse, to plan Vacation Schools. Looks like a busy summer!

JULY

"Can you believe we're really in the Yukon? Just think, we've travelled nearly a thousand miles! Look at that sign! 'First Presbyterian Church, Whitehorse, Welcomes You!' What a busy time we had with the local W.M.S., Vacation School, and Church School, teachers there!"

"This country has a fascinating history, told now by the old river boats and abandoned gold mines. However, Whitehorse is a modern town, with the new Indian hostels, and the headquarters of the Army and Airforce . . . Tomorrow, we're southward bound!"

"Only one more mile to Muncho Lake. That last milepost said 'mile 457'. I wonder if there will be as many tourists there as there were when we visited on our way North. It is a beautiful spot, and the fishing and hunting lodges are a real attraction. There's a Highway truck! There must have been a washout on the road along the lake. The reflection of the moutains in the water is even more beautiful than the postcards show . . . There's the camp! The Highway Maintenance employees live in those green buildings on the right. The Canadian National Telegraph houses are on the left. Oh! There's the mail truck.

Let's go into the office and see if there is any mail for us."

"Hi, Janice, enjoying your holidays? (We met Janice when we were on our way North). You were busy studying when we saw you in June. Do you know if the foreman is back from work yet?"

"Yes, I think so. His truck came in a while ago."

"Hello, Mr. Wright! We're the student deaconesses, conducting Vacation Schools for the Presbyterian Church. Were you notified by the Watson Lake foreman that we were coming?"

"Oh, yes, we've been looking forward to your visit. You may stay in the teacher's house. It's vacant during the summer. Perhaps Janice will take you over to the recreation hall, where you can get ready for the Vacation School tomorrow. Here are the keys! There are about fifteen children in camp who will be eager to begin. How long will you be here?"

"Just three days. We have three more schools before going to camp. Thanks, Mr. Wright, we'll get unpacked now."

. . . "Well, Janice, that didn't take long! We're going over to the lodge now, to invite the people to come to a Church Service tomorrow night. Would you please tell your family about it? Maybe you would remind the other families in camp too. We'll meet in the recreation hall at eight o'clock."

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"You know, I really think the boys and girls enjoyed the first day at Vacation School. The little children liked the fishing boats they made. John said, 'Look, Mom, my boat is just like Peter's!' The senior pupils can hardly wait to begin their maps of Palestine. The children all like to sing, and they had a lively round of games today too. The juniors are planning to dramatize our study of the life of Jesus, for the closing programme. Gary and Lynne said that they wished they could have a regular Church School. Perhaps some of the parents will begin one in the fall."

AUGUST

"Camp Oshkiki! Senior Camp is over. Our campers came from all parts of the Peace River Presbytery — even as far as three hundred miles. There were quite a number who learned to swim in Lake Saskatoon. It's a good thing that some of our senior campers will help out as leaders, at the junior camp next week."

SEPTEMBER

"The summer's over! Now, back to Toronto and Ewart College!"

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Having shared in this venture, we are more aware of the need for training for the mission of the Church. The words of this dedication hymn which we sing as a College choir take on new meaning for us. Would you make this your prayer too?

"Accept me for Thy service, Lord,
And train me for Thy will.
For even I, in fields so broad
Some duties may fulfill.
And I will ask for no reward
Except to serve Thee still."

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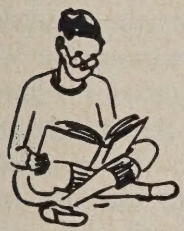

Boys and Girls!

OUR FATHER'S WORLD!

by FRANCES D. NUGENT

"I WISH the girls and boys could go to camp this summer," said Mrs. Thompson with a sigh.

"I know what we could do!" said Mrs. Martin, "We could have a day camp!"

"A day camp?" asked Mrs. Thompson. "What is that?"

"Well, it's a camp at home," said Mrs. Martin. "The boys and girls would sleep at home but spend the day at camp. They would have a counsellor for each unit, just like a real camp. They could meet at the church each morning and go in their own unit to the park."

"I think that is a wonderful idea!" said Mrs. Thompson. "Now let me see, we must have about thirty children. We would need at least five counsellors, and a chief counsellor too. We'll need a nurse, and someone to help at the pool on days we go swimming."

"You're catching on fast," laughed Mrs. Martin. "Let's talk it over with the children and their parents." And so a day camp was planned. Each day the boys and girls kept a log. Tim's log read like this: —

Monday: First day at camp. There are five campers in our unit. We are all nine years old. This morning we went exploring in the park. Just after we got there, we each went off to a place by ourselves. We sat down and looked and listened for ten minutes. Then we talked about it. Billy heard a frog down by the river. Karen saw a swallow. Janey saw a bee, right in the middle of a wild rose.

Tuesday: Mr. Carter let us go for a walk in his hay-field. Janey said that it reminded her of a story Jesus told about a farmer sowing seeds. There was a patch of thistles in one corner of Mr. Carter's field. We saw grain growing around stones in another corner. Mr. Carter told us that some of the seeds had blown over the edge of the field, and that the birds and field mice had found them and eaten them. Where there was good ground the grain grew straight and tall.

Wednesday: It rained. We wore our rain hats, coats and rubbers. First, we went for a walk down by the river. How different things were! Some of the flowers that were open yesterday were closed up tight. We heard, and saw, some birds that we didn't hear, or see, on sunny days. Later we went back to the Church, and made some things with the cones, seeds, and pretty stones, that we collected on our walk.

Thursday: We came early today, and cooked our breakfast. First we got our fire going. Then we cut the top off our oranges and scooped out the fruit. We broke our egg into the peeling, and put it in the hot coals. We toasted bacon and bread on forked sticks. Mmmmm . . . was it ever a good breakfast!

Friday: Today was the last day. We decided to make a gift for someone who was sick. We made a garden in a big glass jar. We lined the bottom of the jar with moss — green side down. Then we put a little fine gravel over the roots, and sprinkled some good rich earth on the top. We planted some pretty ferns, a tiny tree, a vine and other tiny plants in the jar. Sprinkled drops of water on the plants, and covered the top with a piece of glass. We gave our gift to Mrs. Peters, who has to stay in bed all the time. Did she ever like it! She said that every time she looks at it she thinks of the greatness and beauty in God's world.

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A TRIBUTE TO GRASS!

"The grass of the field is the forgiveness of nature, her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green gain with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass grown like rural lanes and obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Beleagured by the sullen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality and emerges upon the first solicitation of spring. Sown by the winds, the wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outline of the world. Its tenacious fibres hold the soil in its place and prevent its soluble components from washing into the wasting sea.

"It bears no bloom to claim the senses with fragrance or splendor but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. Should its harvest fail for a single year famine would depopulate the world."

THE FIRST CONFEDERATION DAY!

"TODAY, I recall the earliest Canadian Church Service, of which I ever saw a record in a newspaper. It was held in the little Presbyterian Church in Montreal, on the first Confederation Day, July 1, 1867.

Amidst the noisy rejoicings outside, the Minister, and a few of his congregation, gathered to sing "God Save The Queen" — who was, of course, Victoria — to pray, and to hear a discourse based upon the 60th Chapter of Isaiah, verse 22 — "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time".

Now, when we sing "God Save The Queen" on Confederation Day it is Elizabeth, whom we hold in our hearts, and for whom we pray. Let us recall again that last prayer offered at her Coronation by the aged Archbishop of Canterbury — "The Lord give you faithful Parliaments and quiet Realms; sure defense against all enemies, fruitful lands and a prosperous industry; wise counsellors and upright magistrates; leaders of integrity in learning and labour; a devout, learned, and useful clergy; honest, peaceable and dutiful citizens. May Wisdom and Knowledge be the stability of your Times; and fear of the Lord, your Treasure."

(From a Leonard Brockington Broadcast)

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — At the Sunday evening Thank - Offering Service of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Trail,* the Rev. E. I. McPhee told of the work of the Presbyterian Church in *British Guiana,* where he and Mrs. McPhee had served in the Mission Schools. A film on *British Guiana* was also shown. President, Mrs. D. Doronie, welcomed the Congregation to the Service, and Mr. R. Livingston was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. A. Morrison. Refreshments were served by members of the Auxiliary.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. A. Davidson, presided at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church, when the Easter Service of Worship, prepared by Miss Shirley V. Scott, President of *Calgary* Presbyterial, for the April issue of "The Glad Tidings" was used. Mrs. R. P. Allan was Leader; Mrs. A. A. Carrick was First Reader; Mrs. S. Dobinson, Second Reader. The

Guest Speaker, Mrs. W. T. Fowler of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, took, as her topic, thoughts from the Addresses given by Mrs. A. S. Curr, of *Toronto,* President of Council, on her recent trip to *Vancouver.* Miss M. C. Williams thanked the Speaker, and Mrs. T. Deas gave thanks for the Offering. The Rev. S. Lindsay McIntyre closed the Meeting with prayer, and a time of fellowship over the tea-cups followed in the Church Hall.

At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* Mrs. F. G. St. Denis of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* showed pictures of many Presbyterian Churches in *British Columbia* which she had visited, and told of their history. The Easter Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. G. M. Bell, and Mrs. R. H. Harrison was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Norman Sachs. At the Social Hour following, members and friends had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. St. Denis.

The Marie Douglas Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Edmonds,* met at the home of President, Mrs. R. Vallance, in *Coquitlam,* when Mrs. Blackstock of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary installed the new Officers. At a later Meeting they began the new Adult Study on *British Guiana,* by showing the film "Guiana Tempo", with their guests members of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jean Marshall received a Life Membership from the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* at a recent Meeting, and Mrs. A. Hally read a letter from the Rev. Murray Garvin, who with his wife and baby daughter, is serving in *Formosa.*

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of St. Aiden's Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, *New Westminster,* Miss Gladys McKenzie showed slides and spoke of her work in *Portuguese Guinea, West Africa.*

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Barbara Woodruff, newly-appointed Regional Secretary for *Alberta,* was introduced to members of the *Calgary* Presbyterial Executive at their recent Meeting in St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* Mrs. J. C. Doherty and Mrs. H. K. Magnuson reported the Synodical Annual Meeting. While in *Calgary,* Miss Woodruff also met with the Rev. Ralph D. MacDonald, Grace Presbyterian Church; the Rev. K. C. Doka, Knox Presbyterian Church; and, through Miss Margaret McLagan, contacted the Girl's Work Board.

The C.G.I.T. Group, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* conducted the March meeting of the Goforth Auxiliary of the W.M.S., when they presented their Mission Study on *British Guiana.* Sharon Robertson introduced those taking part in the Programme — Dianne Blakemore, who gave a Travelogue on *British Guiana;* Barbara Gammie, showed a table-map of *British Guiana* products; Sharon Gray, told the history of British Guiana; Marlene Ingram spoke on education; Margaret Gammie named the Presbyterian Missionaries there, and explained their work. The Worship Service was conducted by Jean Olsson. The President of Goforth Auxiliary, Miss Hazel Armstrong, presented "World Friendship Badges" to all the girls, and Miss Joan Morton, Secretary of the Presbyterial Girls' Work Board, was Guest Speaker. She explained the purpose of the W.M.S., and the Affiliated Groups, and said the C.G.I.T. Groups resembled a coin, "one side representing the C.G.I.T. leaders and girls; the other side representing those who worked behind the scenes for the C.G.I.T. and their work with the W.M.S." Luncheon was served by the C.G.I.T., and stressed the foods of the people of *British Guiana.*

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service, for the Northern Section of the City, was held in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* when women of twelve neighbouring Churches took part, and Mrs. M. A. C. McCallum, President of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, presided. Mrs. G. Hadjiantoniou, wife of Dr. Hadjiantoniou, Minister of this Church, opened the Service, and Mrs. Ralph MacDonald, whose husband is Assistant Minister of Grace Presbyterian Church, was Guest Speaker. The Soloist was Mrs. J. F. Holliday, of Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

Miss Murdene McIvor, missionary on furlough from *Haiti* conducted the Easter Worship Service of the Elizabeth Rae W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* Mrs. Frank Burns was soloist, and, at the close of the Service, Mrs. R. R. Fraser presented to Miss McIvor a gift of costume jewellery, in appreciation of her help, and the inspirational Addresses given during her furlough.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. George Anderson, presided at the Annual Meeting of *Alberta* Synodical, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* when the Devotional Theme was, "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World". Greetings were brought by the Rev. D. Crawford, Moderator of Synod, and the Rev. D. Desze, Moderator of *Edmonton* Presbytery. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, was the Guest Speaker, and was introduced by President Mrs. G. Anderson. In her Address on the word "Mission", Mrs. Curr pointed out that there are "four kinds of Missionaries — Overseas, National, Regional, and you and I, — each with her part to do in accomplishing our "Mission". Following the presentation of the Secretaries' Reports, Mrs. Curr said that this Synodical could look to the past with pride, as "successful" could be written across the year's work, but they must look to the future with faith. She reminded those present of four important things they could give to their church — "Time, Thought, Tact, and Talent". The Rev. D. Crawford conducted the Installation of Officers for 1962, with Mrs. G. Anderson re-elected as President.

The incoming, and the outgoing, Executive of Edmonton Presbyterial held a joint Meeting at the home of President, Mrs. H. B. Wallace. Each member met her immediate predecessor in office; ideas and suggestions pertaining to each particular office were discussed, and special forms or requirements were explained. A Social Evening followed.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Rocky Mountain House* — Mrs. E. M. Anderson was honoured with a Life Membership Certificate, presented to her by President, Mrs. M. McLellan, on behalf of members and funds of the Afternoon W.M.S. Group, and with a Membership Pin, presented by Miss Marion McEwen. Mrs. Anderson has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Elizabeth Ogden W.M.S. Auxiliary for some years; Young Women's Secretary for Red Deer Presbyterial; and has taken active interest in the Children's Mission Groups of her Church. Miss Hilda Blackwell, Deaconess, showed two films — "Guiana Tempo", and "Mission to a Minority". Mrs. E. M. Anderson, and Mrs. J. Coghlin, assisted the President in the Easter Devotional Service. Refreshments were served in the Church Parlours.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* celebrated their 37th Anniversary at the regular Church Service in April. Members of the Auxiliary, the Friendship Circle, the C.G.I.T., and the Junior Choir assisted with Service.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Friendship Circle held their joint Thank - Offering Service in the schoolroom of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* with members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church as guests. The Service of Worship was conducted by Mrs. J. J. Wiseman, Mrs. T. D. Moir, and Mrs. D. Cunningham, and Miss Margaret Boyd, the Guest Speaker, spoke of the valuable lessons to be learned from Anniversaries — scanning the past and present, and envisioning the future. She showed slides of our National Mission Work and commented on each.

In her "History of the Auxiliary", Mrs. W. Kelly told of the organizing of this Auxiliary, with 12 women present, to carry on the Missionary work of the continuing Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* and Mrs. J. H. Drynon appointed President. Names of Life Membership recipients were read. During the years, two "In Memoriams" were placed in the Church, and one Honorary Membership was given. Mrs. H. Brumwell gave the history of the Friendship Circle, which was organized and affiliated with the W.M.S. in 1941. This "Young Women's Group" has made a splendid contribution financially and otherwise in various Church projects. Mrs. T. D. Moir and Mrs. R. F. Lane sang a duet, and the Pageant "The Passing Years" was presented by seven members. Miss Margaret Boyd closed the Meeting with prayer, and an hour of social fellowship was enjoyed as refreshments were served.

On completing their Mission Study on *British Guiana,* the C.G.I.T. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* held a Re-Affiliation Service on a Sunday Evening, when a large number of the congregation were present. President, Mrs. J. Wiseman, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, spoke to the girls, and Mrs. D. Findlay, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, presented Affiliation Badges and Membership Cards to the following girls — Darlene Telford; Sandra McAlpine; Sandra Miller; Marilyn Findlay; Wendy Angus. Membership Cards were also presented to Eleanor Alm; Lynda Hoffas; Becky McAlpine; Carole Schevick; Dorothy Sisson; Dianne Gillies; Linda Findlay; Margaret Schevick. Leader, Mrs. S. Stephenson, showed the film "Guiana Tempo", and by means of a travelogue, skits, a play, and songs, the life of the Guianese people, and the work there of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada,* was presented. A Quiz, in which all present took part, was a highlight of the evening. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

During the Easter holidays, these C.G.I.T. members visited the Children's Ward of a local hospital, with gifts of stuffed animals which the Group had made. On April they presented to their Church a pulpit lamp, bought from proceeds of an earlier C.G.I.T. Tea. President, Becky McAlpine, made the presentation, on behalf of the Group, and this gift was dedicated to the glory of God, by the Rev. M. S. McLean, Minister of the Church, who also thanked the C.G.I.T. on behalf of the congregation and himself for this much-appreciated gift to the Church.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Affiliated W.M.S. Group of Goforth Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* were hostesses to the Mary and Martha W.M.S. Auxiliary of Parkview Presbyterian Church, at a recent Meeting, when Mrs. L. Pocha was Soloist, and an Easter Worship Service was conducted. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. E. W. Schmidt, who, with her husband, a medical doctor, recently returned from Missionary work in the *Belgian Congo,* showed beautiful slides of that country and its people.

A successful C.G.I.T. Rally was held by *Saskatoon* Presbyterial in *Rosetown,* with Miss E. Murdock in charge. Demonstrating how they had conducted their Mission Study, *North Battleford* C.G.I.T. presented a Panel, and *Parkview* C.G.I.T. gave a Play on "Life in *British Guiana*". Discussion Groups were held on "The Church and Its Mission". Miss Joan Coulter showed slides on *Camp Christopher.* Miss Maxine McMillan told of her experience at *Saskatoon* Summer School. The *Rosetown* C.G.I.T. Group showed the proper way to wear the C.G.I.T. uniform, and also the conduct of a business meeting. Mrs. S. Leite conducted the closing Worship Service.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church, when the Rev. William Fairley, Minister of Oliver Road, and Calvin, Presbyterian Churches, was Guest Speaker. Mrs. Fairley was Soloist, and the Worship Service was given by Mrs. H. Comba, and Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell. Mrs. W. T. Ross was pianist. Mrs. E. S. Sherlock expressed the thanks of the Meeting, and a Social Hour was enjoyed, under the convenership of Mrs. D. S. McKay and her Committee.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The membership of the Mabel McLeod Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Kenora, Ontario,* were guests, for their March Meeting, of the C.G.I.T. Group of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Following the C.G.I.T. hymn, President Josephine Mickanek welcomed the visitors, and the hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" introduced the Pageant "A Mission Story on British Guiana." With Sarah Kakekagumick, and Dabeta Mamakeesice, as Readers, the history of *British Guiana,* and the story of Presbyterian Missions there, were vividly portrayed by C.G.I.T. members, using charts, maps, and posters. Others, clad in colourful saris, displayed the names of our Missionaries at present serving in *British Guiana.* At the close of this interesting and instructive Programme, Mrs. J. Hendy, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the girls, and their Leader, Miss Bernice Barker, and also her assistants, Miss Flesher and Mrs. Draper.

Mrs. J. D. Marnoch read the

Historical Report of *Kenora* W.M.S. Auxiliary, prepared for the Centennial Book, and prayer for the Missions of the Church was offered by Mrs. Ralph Palmer. Treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Robinson, and Welcome and Welfare Secretary Mrs. W. C. Allan, presented the Monthly Reports, and the closing prayer was given by Mrs. J. Hendy. At the Social Hour following, the W.M.S. members of the School Staff were hostesses.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Geneva Presbyterian Church, *Chesley,* with President, Mrs. Fred Piper, of *Southampton,* presiding. Miss Hazel Macdonald, of *Goderich,* on furlough now from her work in *Taiwan, (Formosa)* was Guest Speaker, and showed slides of the W.M.S. work in that Field. Excellent Reports were brought in from all Secretaries and Mrs. E. W. Krampp, of *Walkerton* was elected President for 1962. The 1963 Annual Presbyterial Meeting will be held in *Hanover.*

Members were present from *Paisley* and *Tiverton* Presbyterian Churches, and the Baptist Church, *Glamis,* at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glamis,* when Miss Hazel Macdonald, Missionary in *Formosa* for many years, was Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. Clarence McLennan presided, and Mrs. Howard Thompson sang, accompanied by Mrs. George Fullerton. A Social Hour of fellowship followed the Meeting.

President, Mrs. George Lamont, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Tolmie* Presbyterian Church, when guests from *Tara, Tiverton, Burgoyne, Dunblane,* and the Beatrice Scott Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. were welcomed by Mrs. M. McNabb. The Worship Service was conducted by Miss Margaret Clark, and Mrs. John McGillvary, with Mrs. Alan Pollock, sang a duet. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Fisher, of *Burgoyne,* spoke on "Prayer". The Rev. Mr. Fisher closed the meeting with prayer, and a Social Hour followed.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Mt. Zion* Presbyterian Church, *Ridgetown,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary in April, when the Rev. Robert L. Taylor, B.A., B.D., D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. J. Atwood Macdonald presided. Greetings from their respective areas were given by two members of Mt. Zion Auxiliary — Mrs. Donald MacInnes, wife of the Minister of this Church, and President of Hamilton and London Synodical; and Mrs. O. J. Powell, President of Chatham Presbyterial. The Rev. Karem Guergis, Moderator of Chatham Presbytery, also brought greetings. Mrs. Frank Goodbrand, and Mrs. John Dell, conducted the Devotional Period, and Mrs. Ivan Hamil led an impressive Candle-Lighting Service, in which members of the Afternoon Auxiliary, the Evening Department, the C.G.I.T., and C.O.C. took part.

Following the Service, guests gathered in the Church Parlours for the Social Hour, when they were introduced to Dr. Taylor, the Moderator, by the Rev. and Mrs. MacInnes, and President, Mrs. J. Atwood Macdonald. Mrs. James Gladstone, one of the two oldest living members of the Auxiliary, cut the Anniversary Cake, and Mrs. O. J. Powell and Mrs. Donald MacInnes poured tea, along with Mrs. J. McCurlie and Mrs. T. O. Hughes, wives of two former Ministers of Mt. Zion Church.

A Luncheon, celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Amherstburg,* was held in the Christian Education Building. President, Mrs. M. Maricle, welcomed members and guests, and Mrs. R. Kenyon led in Prayer. In the Candle-Lighting Ceremony, those taking part were Mrs. R. Kenyon, Mrs. M. Maricle, Mrs. D. Gibson, and Mrs. R. McLean. Guest Speaker, Mrs. O. J. Powell, President of *Chatham* Presbyterial told of the W.M.S. work in Overseas and National Fields, and the Vote of Thanks was presented by Mrs. Wm. Craig. Mrs. D. Gibson closed the Meeting with prayer.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — A Mother-and-Daughter Banquet was held recently in Cheyne Presbyterian Church, *Stoney Creek,* followed by a Reaffiliation Service, in which Mrs. John Skene and Mrs. Frank Williams took part. A typical Guianese meal of chicken fricassie, rice and raw fruit, was served, in surroundings decorated in Guianese fashion. A Skit, depicting a Christian Guianese family was presented by the C.G.I.T. Mrs. Merrill Reside, wife of the Minister, was Advisor, and assisted in planning the Evening.

The Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Margaret Leask W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* met jointly for the Reaffiliation Service, at which Mrs. Richard Fox, Girls' Organization Secretary of *Hamilton* Presbyterial, presented badges to new members of the C.G.I.T. Mrs. Norman Pfander introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Conrad Miller, who showed coloured slides, and told of her work just outside of *Tokyo.*

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Kincardine,* conducted the Morning Church Service, recently, when the Guest Speaker was the Rev. Clement De Castro, of the Presbyterian Church in *British Guiana,* and Vice-

President of the *Berbice* High School, who is now attending the Ontario College of Education, in *Toronto*. "I am a product of missionary zeal", he said, "Missions have enabled me to speak, and teach in Christ's name." Mrs. F. Cromey led the Morning Service, with Mrs. J. Threndyle leading the Responsive Reading, and Mrs. J. Robinson and Miss Grace Pym giving the Meditations. Miss Bertha Blue, of *Ripley* was Soloist and Mrs. E. Bytheway gave the Offertory Prayer.

Mrs. Wilfred Murchison presided, and welcomed guests from *Bluevale, Belmore,* and *Brussels,* at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.* A challenging Address was given by Mrs. Fred Cromey, of *Kincardine,* who, with her husband, served under the Irish Presbyterian Church in *India.* Devotions were conducted by Miss Kathleen Pringle and Mrs. Thos. King, and a duet was sung by Mrs. O. Casemore and Mrs. Horace Aitchison. Mrs. John McKague closed the Meeting with prayer, after which a Social Hour was enjoyed.

For the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ripley,* Mrs. Alan McAuley presided, and the Devotional Service was given by Mrs. V. Smith, Mrs. Alma Gillies, and Mrs. Grace Murray, on the Theme — "How, Where, Why, Do We Seek Christ." Guests were present from *Kincardine* and *Kinlough.* Mrs. Mary McMay and her daughter Marie, sang, and Mrs. Wm. Speir of *Brussels,* told of the Training School at Belleville. The Rev. Mr. Combie, gave an inspiring address on "Our Mission — To Serve The Living Christ." An hour of fellowship followed the Meeting .

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fretz, Missionaries recently returned from *Southern Rhodesia,* were interesting Speakers at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Rockway* Presbyterian Church, as they told something of their experiences in teaching the Africans to teach their own people. Excellent films and slides made very real both the country and the people. Mrs. John Wiley presided, and the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Harold Roland, organist, sang an Anthem. The Worship Service was given by Mrs. John Gilmore, Mrs. John Wiley, and Mrs. Donald Wiley. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Clyde Smith, and Mrs. Hallett thanked those taking part. Refreshments were served.

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. John Newstead, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, was Guest Speaker at both sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Westminster — St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* when she first took her audience on an imaginary Air Trip to visit our workers in *British Guiana, Japan, Formosa,* and *Nigeria,* and at the later session, spoke of downtown Mission Work, Hospital Visiting, Port Work, and work among the Chinese and French Canadians. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, assisted in the presentation of Reports, all of which showed advance. The Afternoon Worship Service was led by Mrs. V. Morris, and Mrs. H. Mann, of *Nassagaweya,* Evening Worship by Mrs. James Robertson and Mrs. G. Inglis, of *Campbellville.* The Rev. G. Hastings welcomed delegates to the Church; Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. Forbes Thomson, Moderator, who also conducted the Election and Installation of Officers for 1962. A Panel Presentation "Live A Borrowed Life" was given by the "Daughters of Knox" W.M.S. Group. Members were present from *Galt, Preston, Hespeler, Puslinch, Acton, Rockwood, Nassagaweya, Campbellville, Fergus, Elora, Alma, Kitchener* and *Waterloo.*

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Hazel Macdonald was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church, and, telling of the W.M.S. work in Formosa, where she has served for many years, she stressed the urgent need for more Missionaries there. "The world is wide open for the Gospel," she said, "and much has been done in Formosa during the last hundred years to keep Christian Education abreast with secular education." A Missionary Pageant "The Passing Years" was presented in the afternoon by the Wallace Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, presented the Annual Reports. A Special Project for this Presbyterial was quilts for Ewart College.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical was held in Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. T. L. Wynne, M.A., Minister of the Church, who also welcomed the delegates to the Church, and spoke briefly. President, Mrs. J. A. Newstead presided at all Sessions, and constituted the Meeting with Prayer. The Report of the Anniversaries Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs. Paul Newton. The Rev. J. C. Cooper, B.A., B.D., Assistant Home Missions Secretary, General Board of Missions, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the Tuesday Evening Session and described the W.M.S. and the Board of Missions as "two instruments of God, working together to carry out the Mission of the Church". Mrs. W. J. Agar, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's

Statements.

Worship Service, on Wednesday Evening, was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Waldie, M.A., B.D., Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and the Rev. R. M. Ransom, B.A., Th.B., Assistant Overseas Secretary, General Board of Missions, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and gave an over-all picture of work on the Overseas Fields. Miss Ruby Walker, Adult Regional Secretary, was presented with an Honorary Membership and Pin, Mrs. H. Tait and Mrs. P. Ransom, making the Presentation. Miss Clare Hanes and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretaries, conducted a Panel Presentation of the Organization Secretaries, and Mrs. Fred Black had charge of the "In and Out" Letter Basket. The Presbyterial Presidents answered these questions, which covered problems and highlights of the Presbyterials. "Knowledge Nooks", where the various Secretaries assembled to gain knowledge regarding their duties, were prepared by Miss Ruby Walker. Greetings from Council Executive were brought by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and from West Toronto Presbyterial by President, Mrs. John McFarlane. The Choir of Victoria Presbyterian Church sang, with Mr. Donald Lilly, B.A., L.L.B., Organist and Conductor. The election of Officers was conducted by Mrs. A. S. Curr, and the Rev. J. R. Waldie installed the 1962 Executive, with Mrs. Paul Newton, of *Whitby,* the new President.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. T. R. Gates, of *Brockville,* Synodical President, installed the Officers for 1962 at the monthly meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical was held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Smiths Falls,* Ontario, when the Theme was "Missions — Every Presbyterian's Debt." President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, of *Brockville,* presided and constituted all sessions. The Rev. R. G. MacInnes of *Smiths Falls* welcomed delegates, to which Mrs. C. Brown, President of *Brockville* Presbyterial responded. Reports of all Presidents and Departmental Secretaries showed encouraging results, especially among the younger Groups.

Mrs. J. D. Jack, President of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, conducted the Tuesday morning Devotionals, and Mrs. W. S. Reid, of *Montreal* gave the Anniversaries Report. Miss Lois Powrie illustrated her talk on the various offices with explanatory charts. Mrs. Philip Bay, of *Scotstown, Quebec,* closed the Morning Session with prayer. The highlight of the Afternoon Session was the inspiring Address given by

Mrs. A. S. Curr, of *Toronto,* President of Council, who gave a brief picture of the work and needs in every Mission Field, and stressed the fact that "Missions *are* every Presbyterian's debt, and, like every debt, *must* be paid." This Session was closed with prayer by Mrs. J. McCleverty, of *Ingleside.*

The Rev. J. S. McBride, Moderator of Montreal and Ottawa Synod, conducted the Evening Worship Service, and Dr. W. Stanford Reid, B.A., M.A., Th.B., Th.M., Ph.D., Professor at McGill University, was Guest Speaker. Speaking on the subject "Why Presbyterian Missions?" Dr. Reid used three headings — "The Present Trend; Responsibilities; Realization of Our Calling." Mrs. R. Rowat, of Montreal, Vice-President of Montreal Presbyterial, introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of *Ottawa,* presented the Vote of Thanks. On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Charles Falconer of Lancaster conducted the Devotional Period, in the absence, through illness, of Mrs. I. D. McIver, of *Maxville.*

Delegates were appointed to attend the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* and Mrs. J. R. Geddes, of *Mississippi Station* was appointed to attend the W.M.S. Training Centre in *Belleville.* It was announced that the Fall Meeting of the Synodical Executive will be held in October in *Maxville;* the 1963 Annual Synodical Meeting will be held in Melville Presbyterian Church, *Westmount, Quebec.* Mrs. E. L. Blair of *Moose Creek* gave the Courtesies Report, and the closing Prayer was given by Mrs. F. Mooney, of *Ottawa.* Over 100 delegates, representing six Presbyterials — *Glengarry; Brockville; Lanark and Renfrew; Montreal; Ottawa; Quebec* — attended all Sessions. Officers for 1962-63 were installed by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, *Toronto,* with Mrs. T. R. Gates, of *Brockville,* re-elected as President.

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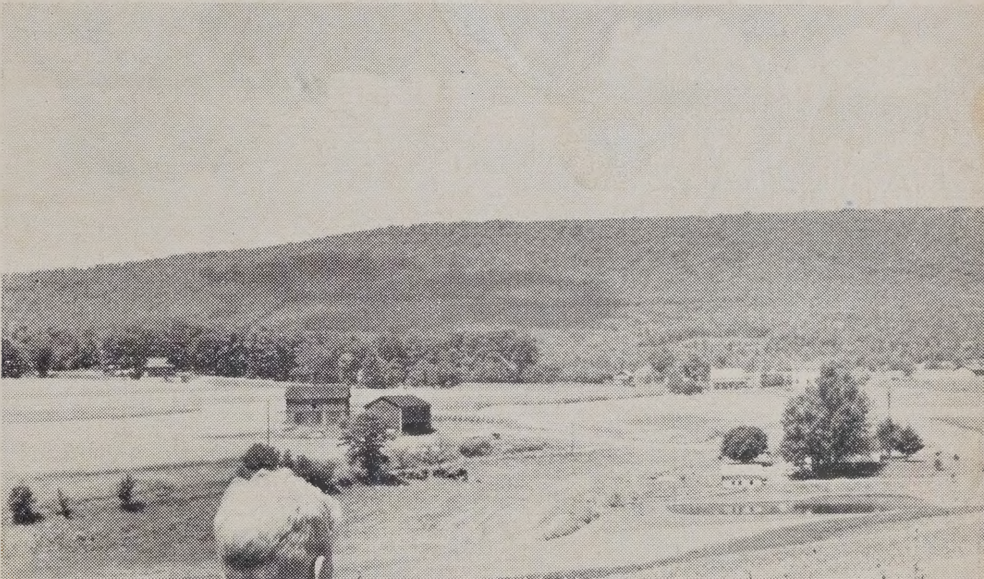

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"This is a time for dreams! The heart knows well,
When Harvest lays on earth her magic spell.
Wherever one may choose to walk abroad,
Earth cries aloud the endless wealth of God!"
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WHEN THE GOSPEL DEFIED THE WORLD

by THE REV. GEORGE R. GILCHRIST, Scotland

THE OTHER SUNDAY, I was preaching on the opening salutation of the First Epistle to the Corinthians — "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ to the Church of God which is in Corinth" — and I referred to a historian who said this was a great paradox:— "the very idea that a Church of God could come into existence, and grow, in a city like Corinth! If a Church could take root there", he said, "it could take root anywhere!" For Corinth was a byword in the ancient world for human depravity and degradation!

Not long ago, I was standing among the ruins of that very city, as the evening light cast a mellow glow over the fragments of columns, houses, and streets, which lay spread out beneath the towering mass of the Arcoceraunthus rock. All that day, we had been travelling by bus through southern Greece. Epidaurus, the sanctuary of healing, with its magnificent theatres and "golden Mycenae" with its palace of Cyplopaion walls and tombs of Homeric heroes, lay behind us, a memory only half-consciously savoured.

Before long, I was walking up the broad paved street, literally in the footsteps of St. Paul — the street which led from the ancient harbour (long silted up) to the city centre. I found myself facing a great rectangular platform. The small notice read "Bema". I was standing where Paul must have stood, facing up to this rostrum where the Roman Governor held his Court of Justice, trying a case which seemed to him an unsavoury incident, occasioned by the spite of pestilential Jews.

I could imagine Gallio, the Proconsul of Achaia, up there, the haughty Imperial Administrator who considered the whole affair as simply about "words, and names, and your law". And down here, in the square, the jostling crowd, eager for a bit of excitement; the Jews desperately trying to make the best of a bad case, and being eventually ejected from the court; the prisoner calmly abiding the issue of Roman justice; and the mob, cheated of their fun, proceeding to beat up Sosthenes, the President of the Synagogue, in full view of the Bench.

All of which, says the writer of Acts — (chapter 18, verse 17), left Gallio quite unconcerned. Perhaps he might not have been so unmoved if he could have foreseen that he, and all the other actors in that incident, would only be remembered, centuries later, because the man who was brought before him happened to be the Apostle of Christ to the western world. Near by the "Bema", was a shattered pediment, on top of a few marble columns, all that was left of the "Slave Market". Corinth was a great emporium for all sorts of merchandise, and, not least, of human flesh and blood. Any day, Paul could have witnessed the buying and selling of prisoners, who passed into the possession of some owner, to whom each man or woman belonged absolutely.

The Gospel which Paul proclaimed did not change the laws of slavery all at once, but it undermined the whole foundation on which slavery was built. A profound change in human relationships was effected. Masters were to learn that they, too, had a Master, whose name was Love, and slaves were to discover that, in Christ, they had a dignity and worth which liberated in them a new spirit, which no servitude could destroy. Indeed, Paul did not hesitate to use the image of a slave to portray the new relationship to God. "You are not your own, you are brought with a price", he said. "Ye belong to God, body and soul." And for himself, he proudly confessed, "I bear on my own body the brand of the Lord Jesus." His scars witnessed to his obedience and suffering for the Gospel's sake.

Above us, the mass of the Acroceraunthus, the citadel rock of Corinth, was casting a great shadow over a large part of town. On its summit was all that remained of the magnificent Temple of Aphrodite, whom the Romans called Venus — where dwelt hundreds of priestesses, the sacred women who maintained the cult of the goddess. Sin and degradation cast indeed a black shadow over the cities of the ancient world. One may feel that Paul, in his letters, harps on this subject overmuch, but he had reason. The founding of the Church meant the introduction of new family ethics and ideals, which were continually challenged by pagan ways of life, and the converts found the struggle hard. "Remember," urges Paul, "*you* are the Temple of God's Spirit, which temple is holy. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are Christ's."

The glow of the setting sun lingered long enough to enable us to wander round the weathered columns of the Temple of Apollo. Apollo was worshipped as the source of the creative energy of light, power, and wisdom, but his sun was eclipsed by the advent of a Light which no darkness could ever put out. "We preach Christ crucified," cried Paul to the men who dwelt within sight of these very temple columns, "Christ, the wisdom of God, and the power of God."

The hooting of the bus horn, by a driver anxious to be on the way to Athens, summoned us back to the modern world — to modern Greece, fighting to establish its prosperity; linked with the West, but exposed to the influence of the Soviet North, and the Arab Levant; part and parcel of a world coveting the know-how of Science, and the power it wields to shape Society. As we crossed over the bridge spanning the Corinth Canal, which was begun by Nero, and completed by French engineers; blown up and blocked by the Nazis, and reconstructed with American dollars; I could not help reflecting that the one thing which spanned the centuries, from Paul's day to our's, was the Gospel of Christ.

Caesar worship still walks among the nations, in more terrible and totalitarian forms. Aphrodite still wields her fascinating and distintegrating power. Apollo is still the deification of man's wisdom and power to save himself. But the "new thing", which the Athenians mocked at, and which the modern world often bows out of court with polite Agnosticism, or else persecutes with sincerest Atheism, is still "new", and very much alive. It can still provide for what is the final need of every age and every soul — a veritable resurrection of faith, hope, and love. It is the love of Christ, "which passeth all understanding," the one thing which has endured, and shall endure "forever and ever, world without end, Amen."

(Reprinted from "Life and Work", the Record of the Church of Scotland.)

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GRANT US THE WILL!

"Grant us the will to fashion as we feel;
Grant us the strength to labour as we know;
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow!

Knowledge we ask not — knowledge Thou hast lent;
But Lord, the *will* — there lies our bitter need.
Grant us to build, above the deep intent
The deed — the deed!"

(John Drinkwater)

PRAYER

by MISS CLARE HANES

Regional Secretary for Children's and Youth Work, Synodicals of Hamilton and London, Toronto and Kingston

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the Lord God of hosts; the whole earth is full of thy glory. O Thou, who art Holy, and Righteous altogether, unto Thee do we offer praise and thanksgiving, for thy great goodness unto the sons of men. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins; Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

We magnify Thy Name, O God, for the beauty of Thy creation, and all the wonders of the universe which speak of Thy Glory. We thank Thee for the earth's bounty, which yields its harvest in season, making provision for physical need: we thank Thee for Thy so great provision for every spiritual need; for the love wherein Thou hast redeemed Thy people, and for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify and bless, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Forgive, O Father, that we so often take for granted the countless blessings which are ours — of friends, and home, and loved ones. Forgive, that we have made such poor use of the gift of faith, which centres our lives in quiet meaning and purpose, in the midst of turbulent days.

Help us, O Father, to lean ever more closely upon Christ, who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith, ever growing in Christian character, and in a deepening sense of responsibility toward our fellow men.

O Thou, who in the words of Thy Son, hast said, "Come unto me all ye that are weak and heavy-laden", we would bring before Thee in prayer, those with special needs and cares; those who are ill, and who suffer physically, or mentally; those who are bereaved; those who have been deceived or betrayed; those who are tempted and tried, and need the assurance of Thy love; those who are homeless; those who are fleeing oppression and famine; those who are lonely and afraid. Have mercy, O Lord, and according to Thy great mercy, be with each one in healing and in comfort, through the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit.

O Father, awaken us to opportunities all around us and before us, that we may not be guilty of the hypocrisy of praying for that which we ought to be attempting, in Jesus' Name, as disciples of His. Clothe us with discernment, integrity, love, and humility, to go forth even unto "the least of these His brethren", and forgive us, Father, wherein we fail.

Forgive, O Father, that although Thy Light has come into the world, the world has not known Thee. By Thy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds to a new knowledge of Thee, transforming the weakness of our faith to a vital, triumphant conviction of Thy Sovereignty and Power, that Thy Church in this generation may truly glorify Thy Name, by its life and witness.

Bless Thy people, wherever they are seeking to serve Thee, in all of the many kinds of service they may give. Grant unto each one courage and strength, and the sure knowledge of Thy ever-present help. May their labours bear much fruit in the furtherance of Thy kingdom. Hasten the coming of Thy kingdom, O Lord, when all shall know Thee, and men and nations lift holy hands in praise and adoration of Thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A NEW CHURCH IN NORTH FORMOSA

by DOROTHY DOUGLAS, Tamsui, Formosa

The Church The Women Built!

ON EASTER SUNDAY, a new Church was opened in North Formosa! The members of the Formosan Women's Missionary Society have been working to this end for several years. In the beginning, they began to collect money to build a place at the Old Peoples' Home, where the patients could meet for worship. Before this was accomplished, it was decided to build an extension of the Home, not far from Tamsui, where those people who could look after themselves would be housed. The W.M.S. members then waited for this to be finished, so they could build their Church nearby.

There is not another Church for many miles in that district, so the ladies wanted their Church to serve the people in the district, as well as the old people. For this reason, they could not build it on Government land, for they wanted it to be entirely free from any restrictions. Fortunately, they were able to buy land right next to the Home, so the old people only have a short distance to walk. They also bought some land across the road, where, eventually, they will build a home for the Minister. Now, finally, the Church building is completed, and well equipped with all that is necessary — even an organ.

Beside the Church, there is a small house for the Biblewoman, who works in the district, as well as in the Home. The people around are mostly farmers, and the houses are far apart, so there is a great deal of walking to be done. The Church is registered in the Taipei Presbytery, and one of the Ministers is the Moderator of the Charge. A student of the Theological College will go to do the Sunday work. The first Church Service was held on Sunday, April 29th, and seven people from the Home were baptized.

The Dedication Service was attended by a large number of people, with a goodly number of members of the Women's Missionary Society present, and the Ministers in the Presbytery were well represented. One woman from the Home sat beside me. She was very small, with a look of great joy on her face, and she wore a faded, and well-mended, long Chinese dress. Her lips moved, as if she would like to take her part in the Service. Also, she carried a character Bible, and a red pencil, which had been used many times where the Bible was opened. The honour of unlocking the door was given to me; I also brought greetings from the women in Canada, who are interested in the Missionary Work of the Church. I am sure that many of you would like to have been there!

The Formosan W.M.S. is well organized, and their Meetings are well prepared and carried out. They had a Retreat, recently, which was well-attended and much enjoyed. The women also carry on a Bible School for girls and women, who are only Public School graduates, and many of these are already doing work in the Church, and among the Mountain people. It is a graduate of this Bible School who is living in the small house beside the new Church.

The Dedication was a great occasion. It was the culmination of years of working, planning, and praying; meeting with set-backs of every kind, all of which were met with firm purpose, and faith that God would eventually enable them to carry out their purpose. And He did!

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY - MAY 1962

Receipts

SYNODICAL GIVINGS:	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 2,025.00	$ 500.00
Alberta	2,600.00	1,397.28
Saskatchewan		848.69
Manitoba	2,224.00	1,541.25
Hamilton and London	29,706.05	17,094.25
Toronto and Kingston	16,158.00	17,999.30
Montreal and Ottawa	15,372.00	14,930.00
	$68,085.05	$54,310.77
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	6,172.71	2,924.13
	$74,257.76	$57,234.90

Disbursements

National Missions	41,629.22	
Overseas Missions	42,461.37	
Organization	18,312.80	
Publications	6,602.21	
Administration	12,963.01	
Insurance and Taxes	816.17	
Students	2,275.00	
Christian Literature	1,200.00	
Grants	1,419.76	
Synodical Grants	1,242.90	
Council Meeting	4,906.99	
Visual Education		
Medical Insurance for Staff	987.50	
General Contingency	382.67	
New Work	3,124.71	
	138,324.31	
Payments from Individual Gifts	679.35	
		$139,003.66

THINK THIS OVER!

1961 Receipts		$350,138.59
1961 Disbursements		356,479.29
DEFICIT		$ 6,340.70
By Order of Council 1962		
Refunds applied against deficit	$1,546.19	
Transferred from Supply Fund to cover deficit	4,794.51	6,340.70
1962 Estimate		$397,670.00
1961 Givings		337,076.61
Difference		**$ 60,593.39**

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FOUR MONTHS TO GO!

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You and Your Auxiliary

PLANNING FOR 1962-63 ADULT PROGRAMMES

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

SEPTEMBER is the time when many W.M.S. Adult groups begin a new series of study programmes. Many will have completed the British Guiana programmes and, while not forgetting British Guiana, will be ready to concentrate on some other area.

The Adult Programme Packet for 1962-63 offers a different scene. Through it, our thoughts are directed to "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia". What do we mean by "On the Rim of East Asia"? Within this area we find variety — Hong Kong, Korea, Formosa (Taiwan), Okinawa. The names of these islands, and their problems, confront us in our daily newspapers and magazines. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we know not only the problems which these areas face but what the Christian Church has done, is doing, and might do, to witness in this vital area of the world.

If those responsible for planning programmes have not ordered the Adult Programme Packet for 1962-63, it would be wise to do so right away. This year's Packet is full of information and suggestions. The Packet contains:

1. The resource book — "On Asia's Rim" by Andrew T. Roy.
2. Five booklets containing a total of six programmes suggesting how the information in the above resource book might be presented, plus some additional information about the relationship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to churches on Asia's Rim.
    (a) Introducing the Rim of East Asia
    —by Mary E. Whale
    (b) A Programme on Hong Kong
    —by Geraldine Ransom
    (c) A Programme on Korea (including the Korean Church in Japan)
    —by Mary Peckover
    (d) Two Programmes on Formosa
    —by Helen E. Herron
    (e) A Programme — "You and the Rim of East Asia"
    —by Mary Peckover
    (this to be used as a concluding programme on the theme)

3. A booklet containing services for special days — Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas — prepared by Luzetta MacClelland and Olive E. Grant.

We are grateful to the members of the Adult Committee, and others concened with adult programmes, for the contribution they have made in preparing the programme outlines.

Having obtained the Packet the Programme Committee would be wise to:

(1) Read over the material carefully

(2) Decide the order in which the programmes should be presented. *Note:* It is suggested that the programme "Introducing the Rim of East Asia" be the first used, and that "You and the Rim of East Asia" be the conclusion to the study. It is up to those planning to decide the order in which the others are used.

(3) Try to get everyone to read the book "On Asia's Rim" by Andrew T. Roy. The programmes will mean more and discussion will be better, if such advance preparation is made.

(4) Get as many people as possible involved in presenting information — both members and non-members of the group.

(5) Talk with the leaders of the Children's and Teenage groups about the materials they are using. You might share and exchange information and materials.

(6) Watch this page; the Book List on the back cover of this magazine; and refer to the suggestions in regard to resource material, which are included in a letter to the Secretary of your group. These will all help you to plan interesting and informative programmes.

(7) Remember the programme outlines in the Packet are merely suggestions; adapt them to suit the needs of your own group. Every good and effective programme requires thoughtful and prayerful preparation. It is only when such careful preparation is given that interest in, and concern for, the Mission of the Church will result.

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Because you prayed for me
I found the strength I needed for my task,
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For those W.M.S. Groups, or any other Church Organizations, who are not using the Monthly Envelope packages, these special "Glad Tidings" envelopes may be ordered from the Publications Department, at Fifty Cents per hundred, and at the same rate for smaller quantities. In this case, the "Glad Tidings" Secretary would give these out, both to members of her Group, and to other women of the Church, who might be thus interested, asking, at the same time, that these be returned to her when used, or else placed on the Church collection plate for the Glad Tidings Secretary. Letters have been sent out, from the Publications Department, to all

Synodical and Presbyterial "Glad Tidings" Secretaries, informing them that these envelopes are now available.

There are a great many ways in which these "Glad Tidings" envelopes may be used to good advantage by an alert "Glad Tidings" Secretary, or indeed by any member who wishes to further the interest in our Official Magazine (which is the only magazine for women in the Western Division of our Presbyterian Church) — and to help attain our goal of 25,000 subscriptions by 1964. One of the best of these — and certainly the most far-reaching — would be for each local "Glad Tidings" Secretary, with the approval of her Auxiliary or Group, to discuss with her Minister, the possibility of receiving permission to place these "Glad Tidings" envelopes in the pews of the Church, at a morning Service some Sunday in September or October. If an Announcement was placed in the Church Calendar for that day; if the Minister also mentioned the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and its widespread work both at home and Overseas; as well as the official Magazine, "The Glad Tidings", in which is found the story of this work — I feel that there is a strong possibility that many of those small blue envelopes would contain a new subscription and be placed on the collection plate, or given to the "Glad Tidings" Secretary, whose name could be pencilled on each envelope. It would be worth trying, anyway — always remembering, of course, that these special envelopes are planned, and intended, to augment particularly the personal outreach, and approach, of the "Glad Tidings" Secretaries, as they commence the 1963 Subscription Campaign. We hope that good use will be made of them, and good results achieved! (L.M.C.)

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GLAD TIDINGS SECRETARIES!

REMINDER!

S — is for Subscriptions, and also for Success —
E — Endeavour is the key to that, as anyone can guess!
P — is for Persistance, and Preparation wise;
T — means "The Glad Tidings", which one small dollar buys;
E — is Every member a subscriber on our list,
M — means More church-women, too, if you will just persist!
B — is for Beginning, and do plan your campaign well;
E — is your Enthusiasm, for the magazine you sell;
R — is more Renewals, your subscription rolls to swell!

(L. M. C.)

FORWARD WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN TAIWAN

by MRS. GORDON (Margaret MacKenzie) McCUTCHEON

IN OUR MODERN MODE of living, education seems to loom as a pivot upon which success in the material world, security in a physical sense, and satisfaction and peace in the spiritual realm, are mysteriously interwoven, moulding and 'remoulding' the whole of our being. This is not only true in our Western world but in all corners of the earth.

The small crowded Island of Taiwan is no exception — here you will find young people eager—almost passionately so—for even an opportunity to advance in education. Then there are literally thousands waiting to be the pupils of those privileged ones who have attained education.

In our churches, it is a "cradle to the grave demand" that our graduates in Christian Education must be prepared to meet. Nursery-age children to grandfathers, each receptive in their own way, and eager to hear, and learn, the Christian message of love and hope, in a way which may prove meaningful to them!

Our Presbyterian Church has sought, throughout its long history of Mission Work in Taiwan, to open avenues of higher education. A few years ago, the need was felt for more trained women workers in Christian education. In order to meet that specific need, a department of Christian Education was established in the Taiwan Theological College, in Taipei. The Course offered is similar to that offered at Ewart College, and the purpose is to train young women to give leadership in local churches; at Presbyterial level; in Conference work and Training classes; the same as our deaconesses do in Canada. One challenging field, that our graduates in Taiwan have, is in the area of mountain work, where the girls live in villages with the mountain people, training and teaching the Gospel for the whole of life. We may say, and rightly so — it would not be easy to work in such villages where our conception of 'primitive' would prove 'luxurious living'! It is not easy, but my how rewarding, for the enthusiasm of those mountain people more than compensates for the discomforts, and heavy work-load, of our workers in this field of endeavour.

Last year, one of our graduates became a hospital evangelist, and is doing a splendid piece of work among the sick in MacKay Hospital, in the great city of Taipei. This year, one of our graduates will do Christian

Education leadership in our Tamkang Middle School, and what an open door of opportunity awaits her, with over 1,000 young people!

The Christian Education Course is a four-year course, designed to prepare dedicated young people spiritually, mentally, and in some cases even physically, to be enabled to use their God-given talents to the optimum, in the service of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

This year, because of increased enrollment, and in order to carry forward a program of expansion in the field of Christian Education, a Christian Education unit is being constructed on the College campus. This new building will eliminate the necessity of doubling-up on classroom space, and general overcrowding. It is not a luxury in any sense of the word, but a vital necessity to the ongoing work of the Christian Mission in the Taiwan Church. The women of Canada are being asked to contribute towards the cost of this new unit. The portion of cost being asked from the Canadian Church is only a small part of the total outlay. We would appeal to you to support this project — not thinking of it only in a monetary sense — the dollar needs — but rather to think of your contribution as being an integral part in assisting these aspiring Christian educators to bring the message of hope in Jesus Christ to boys and girls, and men and women, in a non-Christian land.

If we would be honest with ourselves; make a quick appraisal of God's wonderful gifts to us; not the least of these, the privilege of living in a Christian country, where Christian Education is ours for the mere effort of making ourselves available to it. If we are truly Christian, we must feel conscious-stricken if in our living we are selfish, and unwilling to share our Christian faith and heritage with others in God's world.

You can have a part in the 'Great Commission' of Jesus Christ "Go Ye" — by praying; talking; and giving of yourselves and your gifts toward the furtherance of Christian Education in Taiwan — TODAY! There is no time for procrastination — these are days of action. May each of us be active, in the way God leads us, to advance for Christ at home and Overseas.

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NEW STAFF FOR OVERSEAS

by Miss MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

IT IS ALWAYS a matter of thanksgiving that young women are prepared to answer the call of God for service in our Overseas Field. It is an evidence that God can still use servants, such as we send forth, to serve His purposes in the development of Christian life Overseas. This autumn, four new Missionaries are going to three of our Fields. Their going is an answer to the urgent requests we have from every Field for help; it is an answer to the prayers that have been offered, seeking guidance to know how the Gospel of Jesus Christ can continue to be made known throughout the world in these critical times.

The W.M.S. (W.D.) is sending forth this year the largest number to go at one time in the past ten years or more. This is further evidence of the calling we all have to make the work abroad possible, for we need to support these young women, and those who are now preparing to go in every way we know. Miss Athalie Read is going to British Guiana; Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., is going to Nigeria; Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., is going to the Bhil Field in India; and Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., is going to Nigeria.

MISS ATHALIE READ

Miss Athalie Read, whose home is in Brockville, Ontario, was appointed to our Overseas Staff in March 1962. She comes to the Overseas work after a number of years' experience in Canada. She has been regional secretary and a presbytery deaconess. Most recently she has served as presbytery deaconess in Hamilton. Miss Read has been appointed to British Guiana, where she will serve in the leadership training programme of the Guiana Presbyterian Church. She is attending the Outgoing Missionary Conference, from July to September, in Fort Erie, Ontario. She will journey to British Guiana in October.

MISS DOREEN MORRISON, Reg.N.

A Service of Designation was conducted by Hamilton Presbytery for Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., of Hamilton, who has been appointed by the W.M.S. (W.D.) as a Missionary-Nurse to the Bhil Field, India. The Service was held in Aldershot Presbyterian Church, Miss Morrison's home church, on May 2, 1962. Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the Service of Worship and the Service of Designation. The sermon was given by Rev. William Black, Minister of Aldershot Church. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Society, presented Miss Morrison with a Bible, assuring her of the Society's support, interest and prayer, in her work in India. Mrs. William Black presented a Life Membership in the Society, as a token of the W.M.S. auxiliaries' support and interest.

In the social hour which followed the Service, a number of members of the congregation spoke, wishing Miss Morrison well in her new work. Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College, expressed the good wishes of the staff of the College. Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions, spoke of the great need which Miss Morrison's services would meet in the Bhil Field.

Miss Morrison attended Toronto Institute of Linguistics in June, and is attending the Outgoing Missionary Conference in Fort Erie, being held from July through September. She will go to India in October, and begin her study of language on the Bhil Field, then go to language school. It is expected that Miss Morrison will be appointed to serve in the mobile medical unit programme on the Bhil Field.

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MISS ELSIE TAYLOR Reg.N.

(by Mrs. Wm. Hogg)

At St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, British Columbia, on Tuesday, May 22, 1962, Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., was dedicated as a Missionary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). The Service was arranged by the Presbytery of Victoria, and conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. A. A. Rattray. The Rev. Dr. E. A. Wright read the Scripture Lesson and led in prayer. Miss Elinor Duff, contralto, sang "O Rest In The Lord" by Mendelssohn. The Address to the Congregation was given by the Rev. A. M. Beaton. The Rt. Rev. J. Lewis McLean, D.D., addressed Miss Taylor, and spoke of the work she had done in St. Andrew's congregation, during the six years since she became a member there. At the request of Council Executive, W.M.S. (W.D.), Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, Presbyterial President, presented a copy of the Bible to Miss Taylor from the Women's Missionary Society, and a gift from the congregation. She also spoke of Miss Taylor's faithful service in the Sunday School and Evening Auxiliary. A telegram was read from Miss Mary E. Whale, Director of Overseas Missions, giving the greetings of Council Executive. A reception followed in the Kirk Hall, when refrehments were served by the ladies of the congregation. Miss Taylor has been appointed to serve as a nurse and missionary in Nigeria.

MISS ANNE HOWSON, Reg.N.

Miss Anne Howson's Service of Designation was held in New St. James Church in London, Ontario, on May 22, 1962. Rev. John Fleck, Moderator of London Presbytery, conducted the Service of Worship and the Designation Service. Rev. Richard Stewart, Minister of New St. James, addressed Miss Howson and the congregation. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) presented Miss Howson with a Bible, on behalf of the Society. She spoke of the strength and guidance which came from the Word, and assured her of the prayers of the members of the Society.

Members of the Women's Association of New St. James Church made possible a social hour which followed the service. Mr. Stewart presided at this time, and called representatives of all the organizations of New St. James to express their good wishes to Miss Howson. Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College, expressed the good wishes of the staff of the Callege. Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions, W.M.S. (W.D.) spoke of the kind of work Miss Howson would be entering, and how thankful the missionaries and church members of the Nigerian church are, that the Canadian Presbyterian Church is sending medical staff to assist in their work.

Miss Howson attended Toronto Institute of Linguistics, and is attending the Outgoing Missionary Conference in Fort Erie, being held from July through September 21, 1962. She will go to Nigeria in October, to study in leprosy work at one of the world's leading leprosy research centres in Nigeria. She has been appointed to Itu Leper Hospital, under the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

Anniversary Corner

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE BEGINNINGS OF THESE W.M.S. ACTIVITIES?

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

★ **First organized "mission" work by Presbyterian women?**

French evangelization in Montreal, organized by the Ladies' Auxiliary Association.

★ **Life Membership?**

The constitution of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, 1876, provided for the giving of Life Memberships, and one was presented in that first year of the Society. The cost? — $25.00, the same as in 1962!

The first Life Membership Certificates were issued in 1883 by the W.F.M.S.

★ **Home Helpers?**

"Scattered Helpers" were introduced by Mrs. John Thorburn of Ottawa in 1889.

A "Home Helpers Branch" was formed in 1907 by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, "to enable young mothers and shut-ins to share in the work".

★ **Monthly Offering Envelopes?**

Minutes of the first annual meeting of the W.F.M.S., April 17, 1877: "With a view to establishing and stimulating systematic giving, we adopted the envelope system, viz:— Giving to each member one large envelope containing 12 small ones, asking that one of these last should be dropped into the mission-box each month . . . At the same time, we were careful to make it thoroughly understood, that we did not wish any one to take from any other scheme of our Church to give to this; but if they could not, by additional self-denial, spare somewhat for this object, then we still asked their prayers and attendance at our monthly meetings."

★ **Mission Bands?**

The constitution of the W.F.M.S. (1876) provided for "an Association of young ladies banded together to aid the W.F.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church".

★ **Mite Boxes?**

These were first used in Mission Bands about 1884.

★ **Fall Thank-Offerings?**

Thank-Offering leaflets were first published by the W.F.M.S. in 1881. Annual Thank-Offering meetings were established by the W.F.M.S. in 1885.

★ **World Day of Prayer?**

Canada-wide interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer was instituted in January 1921 by the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

★ **Bales?**

"Lancaster Auxiliary, organized May 3, 1876. The members sent a box of articles valued at $25 to India, by Rev. J. Fraser Campbell" (from 1st Annual Report of W.F.M.S. for 1876).

A Supply Department of the W.F.M.S. became active in 1884, and boxes were sent to the Northwest Indians and overseas.

By 1887, the W.M.S. (Montreal) was sending boxes of clothing, etc., to the Canadian Northwest and to India.

★ **Presbyterials?**

Presbytery Societies were provided for in the constitution of the W.F.M.S. (1876). The Annual Meetings of Presbyterials were to be held "in conjunction with meetings of Presbytery, with reports of work sent to Presbytery in session". The first W.M.S. Presbyterial organized was Lancaster Presbyterial (1876), followed by Hamilton (1877), Whitby (1880), Peterborough (1882) and Lindsay (1882).

★ **Synodicals — Provincials?**

After amalgamation of the 3 missionary societies in 1914, **Provincial Societies** were formed, and "Provincial Boards" took over responsibility for Presbyterials and branches within their bounds. Synodicals coterminous with the Synods of the Church have carried out this function in recent years.

★ **Ewart Missionary Training Home (now EWART COLLEGE)?**

This Training Home for missionary personnel was established by the W.F.M.S. in 1897, after some 6 years of discussion and planning. It was named for Mrs. Thomas Ewart, long a President of the Society. In 1908 the General Assembly instituted the Order of Deaconesses, and management of the Ewart Home passed from the W.F.M.S. to a Board of the Church.

★ **"The World for Christ"?**

This motto was adopted by the W.F.M.S. in 1883.

The motto of the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, was "Thy Kingdom Come", adopted in 1882.

The motto of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, adopted in 1903, was "Canada for Christ"; their watchword was "Humility and Service".

NEW APPOINTMENTS

by MISS GIOLLO KELLY, B.A.

Three members of this year's graduating class of Ewart College have been appointed to the staff of our National Department: Miss Mary E. Duffin, Miss M. Louise Gamble and Miss Sheila V. Stephens.

MISS MARY ELIZABETH DUFFIN, whose home is near Ilderton, Ontario, is a graduate of Petrolia District High School, and of Hamilton Teachers' College. She is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Brantford, where she was on the staff of the Church School and led an Explorers' group, as well as participating in local teacher training classes. She taught elementary school for four years prior to entering upon her deaconess training.

Miss Duffin served two summer appointments as a student deaconess. The first was on the Missionary Van in Red Deer Presbytery, under our Society. The second was in the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay, under the General Board of Missions. Her appointment as a graduate deaconess is to the city of Sudbury, in the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay, where she will devote half of her time to work in Knox Church amongst the Chinese people of that city, and the balance of her time will be given to Christian Education work in Calvin and Parkside congregations.

Miss Duffin took up her duties on May 12th, 1962. Her Designation Service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. McBride, on behalf of the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay, in Knox Church, Sudbury, on Wednesday evening, May 16th. Mr. D. S. McLaren, of Sudbury, preached the sermon and the Rev. Charles F. Boyd addressed the new deaconess and the congregation. Miss Margaret Webster, representing the

Board of Ewart College, presented Miss Duffin with her Deaconess Pin, and Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, on behalf of our Society, presented Miss Duffin with a Bible.

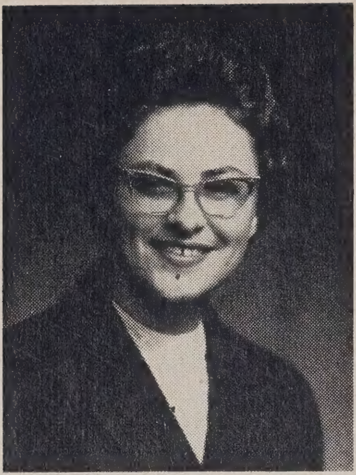
Many members of the Chinese community, as well as representatives of the various local congregations and the Presbyterial, were present for the Service, and later attended a reception arranged by the ladies of Knox Church in honour of Miss Duffin.

MISS SHEILA VALERIE STEPHENS, whose home is in Barrie, Ontario, graduated with Junior Matriculation standing from Barrie District Collegiate, following which she took a course in hairdressing. Upon deciding to enter the service of the Church as a deaconess, she completed her Senior Matriculation at Harbord Collegiate, Toronto.

Miss Stephens is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, where she was active in the Church School, in the Choir, and in the Young People's Society. As a student deaconess she served for three summers, one under our Society at Banff, and two under the General Board of Missions, as a Downtown Missions worker in Toronto, and in Brandon Presbytery.

Miss Stephens' appointment to the National staff is as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Hamilton, where she took up her duties on June 8th. Her Service of Designation was conducted by the Presbytery of Barrie in St. Andrew's Church, Barrie, on Tuesday evening, June 5th, with the following members of Presbytery participating:— The Moderator, Rev. J. Jennings, of Clarksburg; Rev. W. L. Young of Collingwood; Rev. Malcolm D. Summers, Rev. W. S. Bell, and Rev. W. Ross Adams, of Barrie. Mr. Summers preached the sermon, and Mr. Adams addressed the deaconess designate. The Deaconess Pin was presented by Miss Margaret Webster, and Mrs. A. S. Curr presented Miss Stephens with a Bible. Presentations were also made by Mrs. E. O. Rawson, on behalf of the two Missionary Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, and by Mrs. E. McClung on behalf of Barrie Presbyterial.

A reception in the Church hall followed the Service, at which time tea was served by the members of the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's, and many friends gathered to extend congratulations and best wishes to Miss Stephens.



MISS MARION LOUISE GAMBLE is a native of Chatsworth, Ontario. She is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there, having taught in the Church School, as well as being active in the Choir and Young People's Society. She took her Junior Matriculation commercial studies in Owen Sound, following which she attended Toronto Bible College for three years, receiving the general diploma of that College.

Miss Gamble served for two summers under the General Board of Missions, in Halifax and Lunenburg Presbytery, and in Macleod Presbytery. Her appointment under our National Department is to work amongst the Chinese people in Montreal. Miss Gamble took up her appointment on May 1st.

Her Service of Designation was conducted by the Presbytery of Bruce in St. Andrew's Church, Chatsworth, on Sunday evening, May 13th, with the Rev. Maurice D. McNabb, Moderator, in charge. The Rev. C. M. Eadie, and Rev. Hugh L. Nugent, also participated in the Service, the latter addressing the new deaconess. Miss Margaret Webster presented Miss Gamble with her Deaconess Pin, and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of our Society presented her with a Bible.

Many relatives and friends gathered to wish Miss Gamble well at the reception following the Service, when she was presented with gifts on behalf of several of the organizations within the congregation.

We are most happy to welcome these three young women to our National Staff. We pray God's richest blessing upon them, as they begin their service within our Church and commit themselves to share in the great task of winning "The World for Christ". We commend them to your prayers.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE WAITING PEOPLE By Peggy Billings

"The Church on the Rim of East Asia — in Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, and Hong Kong — lives in the very shadow of communism. The Church on the Rim faces daily the spectacle of millions of people, strangers in a strange land, going about the task of piecing together the torn fabric of their lives. The Church on the Rim of East Asia is challenged, as it is in Canada and the United States, to face Christ anew, and measure itself by His standard of love and sacrifice". So writes the Author, in her prologue to this absorbing book, which to read is to make the reader deeply think, and to talk with others about the truths and facts, herein revealed, which have so stimulated the realization of the need before the Christian world, and her own concern and responsibility to do something about it.

"The Waiting People", she has entitled her book, the people who, in the various chapters, come so vividly to life, and whose "waiting" is so troubled and uncertain. In no sense are they "placid people". They are torn between fear and hope, by the constant tension between "the tenderness and toughness of the human spirit"; and this Miss Billings has seen for herself. In her ten years as a Missionary in Korea, she has lived through the events which now form the setting for this book, and her travelling throughout East Asia has given her a real sense of kinship with the people of these troubled lands. A tragic student demonstration in South Korea; the fruitlessness of the exhausting search for work in Hong Kong; young Japanese narrowly missing the Communist trap on Okinawa; the story of a young girl who found Christianity on the island of Taiwan, and was disowned by her Buddhist family; these are but a few of the stories told in the four sections of this most interesting book — "Remnants and Revolutions; The Brothers; Ungrateful Daughter; Ode To A Refugee" — stories which prove the staunchness of the Christian faith and hope, and the complex task of the Church among these "Waiting People". Price—Paper—$1.75

FOUR FROM MOONBEAM By Robert A. Elfers

This is a most fascinating book, and one which will hold the spellbound interest of "Junior Highs" from the first to the very last page, especially those Groups who will be studying the Mission Study Theme "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia". The three young people, who in this story find themselves, somehow, looking-in on an experimental project for a United Nations space agency, are members of a Church School class, interested in finding out about Christianity around the world, and especially in East Asia. "Satellite Moonbeam" magically gives them telecasts of Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Korea, and with each telecast there is an enthralling story. Okinawa, "The Slender Island" is the first port-of-vision, and in the story "How the World Changed", an Okinawa Missionary, a U. S. Marine, and a typhoon, are thrilling parts of the story of Hira and her Uncle, Mr. Matsura, who had established a Christian congregation there. "The Shadowed Garden" is Taiwan, and in the story "Like A Bird Maybe" two boys, with their ingenious use of kites, really accomplish a great result. "The Rich and Ragged Outpost", is Hong Kong, and in the story "A Ribbon in the Night", we search for a lost sister through the hungry throngs of refugees — and finally find her in a totally unexpected way. "The Wounded Land" is Korea, and in the story, "The Listener at Onju-ni", a wounded boy, and a wounded village, are touched by the healing power of the Christian faith.

This is a beautifully-written book, and its impact upon thinking young people cannot but be a telling one, as the author, whose military service lay in this Pacific area, exemplifies in these strong stories how fundamentally alike, in their needs and ambitions, are the young folk of our own lands and these other less-privileged boys and girls "On the Rim of South East Asia". Price—Paper—$1.75

WORLD FRIENDS IN HONG KONG AND KOREA By Nina Millen

A Picture Album, containing fifteen excellent photographs of life in Hong Kong and Korea, each with its interesting descriptive story, this is a very valuable book for Leaders to possess, or to be given as a gift to children that they may know something about the children of these lands; what life is like in these lands; and what Christians are doing to help the refugees and to relieve the great need of these people. Miss Nina Millen, who has written so many excellent books for children, is the Author. Price—$1.50

FUN AND FESTIVAL FROM THE RIM OF EAST ASIA

by Margaret L. Copland

A tremendous amount of information about Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, background, present conditions, fact and legend, is packed into this small book, as well as the fun and festivals, which are part of the life of these people. Chapters deal with "Festivals from Afar; Far Eastern Olympics; Melodies from the Rim; Familiar Sayings in Foreign Settings; Foods from the East; Fashionably Speaking" and the final Chapter gives many additional resources available for Leaders and group-use. Games, music, food, and interesting things to make — this is a really helpful book for any Leader to possess and use. It is included in the Girls Study Packet. Price—paper—.75c

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Does The Bible Have Meaning In The Lives of People Today?

THE RESULTS of one of the most unusual assignments ever given a reporter were heard by a committee which has just met in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Five years ago, the United Bible Societies, which is the world organization of 23 National Bible Societies, persuaded Rev. E. H. Robertson to leave his post, as Assistant Head of Religious Broadcasting of the British Broadcasting Corporation, to seek answers to the question: "Does the Bible have meaning in the lives of people today?"

In seeking information, he has talked with thousands of pastors and people in Asia, Africa, Europe East and West, South America and North America. Three assistants have given full time to research in Asia, Latin America, and the U. S. A. More than 500 churches have made studies in depth. At the committee meeting in Copenhagen, Mr. Robertson described the situation on Bible use as confused and distressing, and estimated that, even in normally Christian lands, not one person in ten thousand gives serious attention to the Bible. At the same time, he sees signs of renewal and a rediscovery of the Bible.

In the first of a series of booklets on the theme "The Bible in our Time", Mr. Robertson says:

"There is ample evidence of a turning to the Bible. There is also evidence that when men turn to the Bible, honestly seeking to know God's Will, He speaks with clear tones, relevant and meaningful to our situation. The disciplined Bible study of clergy and ministers in many parts of the world is leading to renewal and unity more surely, and at a deeper level, than is evident at world conferences. The Word of God is heard again in our day, and its power is accomplishing 'that whereunto *He* hath sent it'. As the Word becomes more and more relevant in our everyday life, it will be seen to retain its conditional note:—'this do, and ye shall live'. The understanding of the Word of God and the power of the Word of God is conditional upon obedience. There are no other conditions."

Thus far three of the booklets have appeared in English and one — "The Recovery of Confidence" — in German. It is anticipated that translations will be published in French, Spanish and several other languages.

(From The Canadian Bible Society)

(Note — The following booklets in the series "The Bible In Our Time" are available through the Publications Department — The Recovery of Confidence — .80c; Bible Weeks — .90c; The Bible In The British Scene — .80c; The Bible In East Germany — $1.00.)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the parents, children, and all who have had the opportunity of sharing in the inspiration given by the National Staff, and Students, during the summer months. May each one accept anew her responsibility, resolving to keep very vivid the Missionary task of the Church, and the W.M.S., during the months they are without leadership.

—For the work at St. Matthew's Centre, Vancouver, that there may be continued growth in each Department; especially remembering our Missionary, Miss Lilian Reay, and the Kindergarten Supervisors, that they may go forward into the Autumn season with renewed zeal.

—For all groups, as they come together after the summer vacation, that each leader, officer, and member, may come with renewed health and strength, and conviction in regard to the importance of the Church's Mission.

—For all who plan the programmes for group meetings, that they may plan in such a way as to help all who attend to understand the great responsibility that rests upon all Christians in the world today.

—For each of the new Missionaries, going forth to Overseas fields this autumn. Pray that they may be strengthened as they face new ways of living, and as they prepare to take up their new work.

—For the work in Taipei Seminary. Pray that the work of the Department of Christian Education may continue to serve the Formosan Church; that the new building may become a reality, and may be a blessing to the work of the Seminary.

A LETTER FROM YOUR SECRETARY!

September, 1962

Dear Girls:—

Greetings! This is my first opportunity to write to you, the teenage girls of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Summer is nearly over, school has reopened, and you are all gathering together again. There is *so much* to talk about — the people you met, the places you saw, the things you did, the summer job, and now the plans for fall and winter.

Ahead of you is a new school year, new friends, new things to do. This is in reality the beginning of a New Year. Before you get too far into this new year, let's take a few minutes to look at it — and at you. Perhaps now, and not January 1st, is the time to make New Year resolutions.

While sharing with one another the events of the past summer you've been talking a lot, but have you been listening too? Listening to what happened to the rest of the gang this summer — listening to their ideas for this new year and, above all, have you been listening to God? Are you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, letting Him guide you in your plans for the fall?

As Christians, that is, as followers of Jesus Christ and members of His Church, we have many privileges, but with all privileges go responsibilities. Our first responsibility is to grow in our knowledge of God and His will for us. This doesn't happen by magic, nor does it just come naturally. Maturing, that is growing up, takes work and time. How hard are you willing to work? How much self-discipline will you exercise? How much time are you willing to give to growing, and how, when, and where will you set aside this time? Remember you will want to grow steadily — not in fits and starts.

You will grow in your knowledge of God as you spend time in His presence, as you speak with Him, and listen to what He has to say to you. Daily private devotions, regular attendance at services of worship, and study and fellowship with others, are all ways in which you may mature. If you intend to be a responsible member of the Church of Jesus Christ, resolve this year — to grow in every way in the knowledge of God. As we grow in our knowledge of God, we can't help growing in our love of neighbour, and we want to share with them the good news of Jesus Christ. This brings us to our second responsibility, which is to those round about us.

Jesus told his disciples "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide." (John 15:16). We are all missionaries (sent ones), sent out into the world in which we live. Where is your world? Is it not the school, the club, the corner store, the part-time job, your home? Wherever *you* are? Do your plans for the year include your witness as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world?

These responsibilities are for each one of us. First, to mature in our knowledge of God through Jesus Christ; and secondly, to reach out and share our knowledge with others that they might know Him too.

Let us take as our purpose this year, Ephesians 4:15, "to grow up in every way unto Him who is the head, into Jesus Christ."

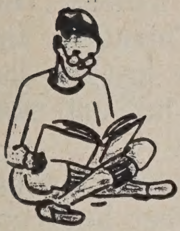
Sincerely,
Helen Tetley
National Secretary for Teenage Work

EYE-OPENERS FOR CHRISTIANS!

A long-expected textbook for *atheistic propagandists* has been published in Budapest. Entitled "Handbook On Religion", it is a richly illustrated volume which deals in popular form with the problems of atheism and science versus religion. Basically the new book is a catechism for atheists. The Hungarian authorities have instructed all factories to order copies of the textbook for distribution among their workers.

Protestant Church leaders and papers in West Germany have denounced an announcement made in East Germany that the famous Wartburg Castle will be the site of *atheistic youth dedication* ceremonies this month. Wartburg Castle is the retreat in which Martin Luther found refuge during the Reformation, and where he translated the New Testament into German. The announcement has caused wide-spread indignation in West German Protestant circles.

Cash and pledges amounting to one million, seven hundred thousand dollars have been contributed by congregations of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape Province, South Africa, for a Christian Literary Fund. The purpose of the special fund is to help combat the growing flood of Islamic publications now floating into that area of Africa. A large part of the money will be used to produce Christian literature in the Bantu languages.



Boys and Girls!

TALES OF TAIWAN

by ANN PECKOVER

(Adapted from a story told by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.)

"Mother! Mother!"

An excited boy ran over the grass and fairly danced up to his mother.

"What is it, Tommy?"

"You know Mrs. White, the Explorer leader?"

"Yes."

"Well, her son is back on furlough from Taiwan, and while he's here, he's going to be staying at Mrs. White's house."

"Mrs. White will be glad that her son is coming home."

"And do you know what? Mrs. White said that Bob — that's her son — has a boy, Peter, who's just my age!" Tommy tore off his jacket and added, "They're coming next week."

Tommy could hardly wait to see the Missionary and his family. After all, not everyone in the Explorers group had a visiting Missionary living next door. That was almost as good as having the family living in *his* house.

Finally the week passes. Tommy ran to Mrs. White's house, and was introduced to the family. Peter was almost as pleased as Tommy was to meet a boy his own age, who was to be a playmate.

Peter's father was a Minister; his mother was a graduate nurse.

"There is plenty of work to do in Taiwan," Peter told Tommy one day. "Our headquarters may be in Taipei, but often we are away for weeks at a time, for conferences and clinic tours in different parts of the island. Sometimes I go along with Dad and Mother when they go on these trips. But I have to take my school books along, and Mother gives me work to do. Sometimes we go by train, and sometimes by landrover.

One day we went by train to an Amis Women's Conference on the east coast of the island. The train ride wasn't too bad, but after the train ride we had to walk in the hot sun for an hour, from the train to the conference, with porters carrying our luggage.

Almost before we had set foot in the village, we were surrounded by people, some of whom had serious illnesses. Of course, we could do nothing but help with medicine until the conference began.

We had been working feverishly for a while (Mother had me running for medicines and other equipment) when Miss Hermanson, another Nurse in the party, noticed a very pretty Amis girl who sat apart from the others. She is a Christian now, and is so happy and helpful that everyone calls her Sunny Lee. She looked anything but sunny that day! Finally, when we reached a lull in the work, Miss Hermanson asked a native pastor, 'What's the matter with her?'

The man called to Sunny. She picked up a pair of crutches, and came over to us. When she came up, we saw that she had one leg amputated just above the knee.

The pastor explained, 'She was bitten by a snake, several months ago. These primitive people know how to apply a tourniquet, but it was left on for over a day, and the result was that the girl had to have her leg amputated'."

"Did they take her to the hospital?" asked Tommy.

"No, they didn't. They did the work themselves, and didn't do a very good job of it either. I'd say about three inches of bone was left protruding from the dead flesh of the stump."

"Golly, that must have hurt?" Tommy grimaced. "No wonder she looked so sad."

"Oh, the snake-bite wasn't the only trouble! Just before she was bitten, Sunny Lee was married. Her husband wasn't a Christian. Immediately after Sunny lost her leg, her husband divorced her, and married another woman."

"Then she lost not only a leg, but also a husband? " What happened then?"

"Miss Hermanson decided to do something for Sunny. On the east coast of Taiwan there is a hospital. Miss Hermanson wrote to the Amis teacher, telling her about Sunny, and asked the teacher to care for her, and, if possible, to get her an artificial leg."

"Did she do that?"

"Yes. The last time we were on the east coast, we saw Sunny Lee, looking very happy with her artificial leg. She wears a stocking on her artificial leg, and you had to look twice before you could tell the unstockinged leg from the other.

The German Lutheran sisters have a home for handicapped girls in Taiwan. Sunny Lee lives in that home. One other girl from the home does dentistry, in one of Miss Hermanson's clinics. This girl also teaches blind people to knit. Picks up any dropped stitches, escorts them to Church and to their homes."

"Your life in Taiwan certainly sounds interesting," said Tommy. "I think I'll be a Missionary when I grow up," he said to himself.

(Our Readers will be interested to know that Ann Peckover is the daughter of Mrs. George Peckover, Afternoon Auxiliary Secretary on Council Executive.)

LETTER FROM MRS. GEHMAN

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Dear Friends:—

I want you to know that I often think of you all, even though I do not get the personal letters written, much as I would like to, to each one of you. Forgive me for taking this method of answering so many letters on my holidays. Vellore keeps one so busy there is little time for letter writing. This year has been especially busy, what with 3 senior staff members leaving, and no replacements. If I have not thanked you for Christmas messages, cards or magazines, let me do so now. It is so good to know that Vellore is being remembered in prayer.

Vellore is 105F. just now and very hot. I was very glad to finish marking my last papers and Care Studies just before leaving the end of April for Hill Top, Dr. Ida's home at Kodaikanel which overlooks the plains 7,000 feet below. Hill Top has the loveliest garden and lawn, fringed by stately eucalyptus and jungle trees. It is 3 miles from the bazaar and so quiet as compared with Vellore. At present there are only 3 of us here — Dr. Ida B. Scudder, Dr. Ida's niece who is head of our X-ray department, and Dorothy Stairs from Montreal, who works in our Pediatric department, and myself. There will be others from Vellore a little later, to enjoy the peace and quiet and beauty of this place with us.

Just before I left Vellore, we learned that all our certificate nurses got their Reg.N. examinations, and several of them with distinction. Two of our B.Sc. students have to rewrite certain subjects in October. Our M.D. and M.S. people did very well on the whole. Our medical students didn't do too well. I think they are just too young. They start Pre-Med. at 16 years, and then they have the disadvantage of having to do their practical examinations in Madras, rather than in their home setting.

The other day on D ward, where I supervise nursing care, a Hindu patient, who was having pain, wanted someone to pray for her. The ward sister called Balamoni, a 2nd year nurse, to do so. Balamoni said, "I know how, and I would like to, but I don't know whether I should or not. I'm a Hindu, but I would like to be a Christian." So another student prayed for the patient, and she settled down. Now we shall have to see how we can help Balamoni. I couldn't help thinking that her Christian classmates must be setting a very fine example of the Christian life, for Balamoni to want to take this forward step, which may mean separation from her family and also persecution.

Please keep Vellore in your prayers, and especially those who are hearing the Gospel for the first time, that they may be led to the Lord by those who care for them, and especially for our non-Christian students, that they, too, may come to know our Lord and Saviour. On all our wards, we are having patients who are interested, and are seeking after God. Great is our opportunity, and we need your prayers, that we do not fail to meet the spiritual needs of patients and students.

The new school year begins with our 1st session on July 1st. In June we are busy with selection of new students for the coming year. We get about 1,000 applications for medicine, and we admit only 50. For nursing we receive between 300-400 applications, and we admit only 55, so selection of students is no small task, and here, too, we need your prayers that we may choose only those most worthy and able.

My very best wishes and greetings to you.
Affectionately, Mildred Gehman.

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THREE GATES
(From the Arabian)

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is is needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speach may be.

(Selected)

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 9, 1962

by (Mrs. J. R.) VIOLA HALPENNY

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APPROXIMATELY 260,000 women, youth and children, in Canada participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer in March, 1962. This many copies of services were sent out from the office of the Council, through the help of many dedicated volunteers who counted, packaged, and addressed, thousands of parcels, many of them giving time each week for two or three months. To their efforts must be added weeks of preparation by committees in villages, towns, and cities, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Offerings amounting to $61,600 were dedicated at services on the "Day" as an expression of thankfulness and concern for the spreading of the gospel message, through the written word. In imagination, let us take a flying trip across our vast country, observing what happened on the day when folk of many communions joined in the fellowship of prayer.

We would find people gathering in small village churches, in cathedrals, in citadels, and in chapels, where our armed forces are stationed. We would note that the aged and "shut-ins" were not forgotten — services were held in Homes and hospitals. In Chinese and French-speaking churches, it would be interesting to hear the women, participating in their own language; the sightless folk following the Braille service; or the Indian children attending a service in their residential school. Visiting a campus, we could join young folk in a service sponsored by the Student Christian Movement.

We could attend an early morning service for school girls and business women, or several noon-hour gatherings. We might share the disappointment of some prairie communities, when blizzards necessitated postponing the service. Some women sent their offering, despite this. We would be impressed by the growing number of religious groups participating in this ecumenical service, and that the ages covered most of the life span. One village planned a family service. "The men have to drive the women" they said, so they included them, and invited all the mid-week groups as well. It must have been a friendly service, because all shook hands at the close. In many churches we would be invited to stay for refreshments, and perhaps to view the film strip while the women prepared the tea.

Preparation — We would discover that many local committees used forsight and imagination in preparing for the "Day". These included: — delivering invitations from door to door; each woman phoning her neighbours; a letter to all members and adherents of the congregation; taking services to hospitals and Homes prior to the "Day"; arranging for a display of Missionary books at the public library; sending a copy of the children's service, to each school principal; a woman from each denomination preparing a brief resume of the work of their women, to be used in lieu of an address.

Aftermath — We would learn that ecumenical fellowship in many communities does not end with the Women's World Day of Prayer. Committees report: — further meetings for worship; business entertainment and fellowship; support of a Vacation Church School; a Social Hour for New Canadians receiving their citizenship papers; treats for Senior Citizens; community clothing drives; monthly work meetings. A review of thousands of reports substantiates Tennyson's claim: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of!"

We hope you have enjoyed our imaginary journey, and will remember the knowledge gained from visiting, for a short while, with folk as they prepared for, participated in, and experienced this fellowship of prayer.

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A Great Moment!

By Mrs. Kathy Jordon

Life seems a pilgrimage, as most will agree. To all of us comes at times a sudden uplift, which takes us above the plain to some great mountain top of experience; some memorable moment which lives with us always. What has been your experience? For myself, I think of a sunset a-board ship. In mid-Atlantic I saw the sun go down in a blaze of indescribable splendour. There is also the mystery of the tropical forest, and the magnificence of Niagara Falls. Another stirring moment when that grand Choir rose to sing the beautiful Oratorio, Handels Messiah! Yet, these are not the greatest moments of my life. I think the truly greatest moment was one evening, when a close friend and I sat by the fire and talked of things dear to us—of the friendship we had for each other; of future hopes we could hardly mention, yet, somehow, ventured to talk about to each other; of the wondrous story of the Saviour's birth. There followed a silence, and in that great moment we knew that our friendship deepened; that God was with us; that our joy was beyond all telling. This will live with me forever!

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Penticton,* with President, Mrs. V. McCulloch, of *Vernon,* presiding and the Rev. A. V. Benton, opening the Session with Prayer. Secretaries' Annual Reports were received and Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary, conducted a "News and Questions" programme. Mrs. W. Dickson reported the Annual Council Meeting. At the Luncheon, convened by Mrs. F. G. Abbott, of the St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Penticton,* Synodical President, Mrs. E. Fox, *Vancouver,* addressed the Meeting.

The Afternoon Session was highlighted by the Address of the Guest Speaker, the Rev. W. O. Nugent, D.D., Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia. Miss May Nutt and Mrs. K. Luttrel, of *Prince George,* told of the W.M.S. Leadership Training Centre, held in *Edmonton.* Mrs. Luttrel also presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. V. McCulloch was re-elected to the Presidency, and Mrs. Earle Fox, President of *British Columbia* Synodical installed the newly-elected Officers.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Executive of this Presbyterial held a Coffee Party in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall, *Vancouver,* in honour of the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Self, of the *Jhansi Field, India.* Miss Ellen Douglas, who for many years was also a Missionary on this Field, joined them on the platform. Both she and Mrs. Self wore colourful Indian saris. In his Address, Mr. Self gave a first-hand picture of *India* today, its problems, and our problems. These practical suggestions for help from our Church in *Canada* were greatly appreciated by the 80 guests present, who represented 22 Churches.

When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church, held a Luncheon Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martyn, of *Richmond,* Mrs. J. A. Davidson opened the Meeting with player, and the response to Roll Call was a verse from Scripture. Mrs. J. Allenson, a Senior Member, recited the 23rd Psalm in metre; Mrs. A. MacBeth conducted the Devotional Period; and Miss M. C. Williams gave the Study on *British Guiana.* Members and guests appreciated the opportunity of viewing the manse, and the site of the future Presbyterian Church in *Richmond,* of which the Rev. Gordon Bastedo is the Minister. Mr. and Mrs. Martyn were former members of *West Van-*

couver Presbyterian Church before moving to *Richmond.*

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* the Rev. David and Mrs. Hayward, of the Canadian Baptist Mission, were Guest Speakers, and told of their work among the primitive tribes people of *South India.* A film entitled, "Out of Darkness" was shown. Mrs. Rose Jay, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* was Soloist. An hour of Social Fellowship followed the meeting.

Mrs. H. D. Carson, the Guest Speaker, spoke on "Their Faith Was Their Fortune", at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* Circle 2 conducted the Worship Service, in which Mrs. M. A. McDonald, Mrs. J. Clazee, and Miss M. MacKay, took part. Mrs. M. Murdoch and Mrs. J. Clazee sang a duet. A distinguished visitor was Mrs. Allan McIntosh, a Missionary in the *Belgian Congo* for over 20 years. In her brief remarks, she thanked God for His mercies, and for the United Nations Forces, all of which enabled her to leave the *Congo* unharmed. A Social Hour, convened by Circle 2, was enjoyed.

The Rev. R. M. Esler, of *Vancouver Heights* Presbyterian Church was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* Mrs. N. G. Robertson led the Worship Service, and the Soloists were Mrs. Gentell, and Mr. Lord, accompanied by Miss M. Morrison. President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, presided.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Following the Citizenship Ceremonies at the *Calgary* Court House, this Presbyterial was Hostess, at the Al-San Club, *Calgary,* to the 64 Canadians who had just received Citizenship Papers. It was opportune that it was the Presbyterian ladies who were Hostesses on this occasion, when the Rev. Edmund Seress, the pastor of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* and Mrs. Seress, received their Citizenship Papers. Two members of Calvin Presbyterian Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Seress to the Reception, dressed in their native Hungarian costumes.

At the Annual Thank-Offering Luncheon and Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* Mrs. Arthur Evans was Guest Speaker and told of her recent visit to *Africa.* President, Mrs. David Cumming presided, and the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Haut and Mrs. A. Gowans. Miss Frances Van Sant was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. C. McNut.

Miss Jean McKenzie presented

the Study, taken from "The Glad Tidings" — "When We Study — The End Result" — at the meeting of the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* Vice-president, Mrs. Mary McGrow, introduced the Rev. K. C. Doka, who has recently accepted a call to this Church, and a presentation was made to Miss Hazel Armstrong, an active group-worker, who is leaving *Calgary* to be married. Refreshments were served at the close of the Meeting.

Calgary Presbyterial held an Open Meeting recently in Grace Presbyterian Church, to which were invited members of Auxiliaries, Affiliated Groups, Leaders of C.G.I.T. groups, and interested friends, to participate in the presentation of Mrs. W. H. Henry's Report on the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* to which she was a delegate. Mrs. George Anderson, President of *Alberta* Synodical, assisted Mrs. Henry, and also conducted the Worship Service, based on the Council Theme — "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you".

Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta;* Miss Ruth Botelho, Deaconess of Grace Presbyterian Church; and Miss Shirley Smart, Deaconess for *Calgary* Presbytery, took part in the Question and Answer Period. Miss Jo Anne Van Brummelen, who will be attending Ewart College, *Toronto,* this Fall, was introduced. Tea was served by the Executive and members of Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.*

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. G. Milson, President of *Edmonton* Presbyterial, Mrs. H. G. Wallace, Vice-President, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta,* and members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* were Special Guests at a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton.* The Worship Service, conducted by Margaret Biglow and Helen Currie, was taken from the April "Glad Tidings". A large map and posters made most interesting the study of "The Church in British Guiana". Mrs. D. Crawford, Presbyterial Literature Secretary, presented a fine display of books and literature available to members through the W.M.S. Publications Department. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

President, Mrs. J. Campbell, with Mrs. E. J. White, welcomed guests when the Senior W.M.S. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* held their Annual Supply Tea in the Church Parlours. Mrs. H. E. Dodge was Tea Convener; Mrs. J. Stott had charge of the Home Baking table; and Mrs. E. C. Richards supervised the Tea Tables.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of *Brownvale* Presbyterian Church celebrated a 32nd Anniversary, this Spring, when a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Cecil McKenzie, of *Brownvale,* who is the only active remaining member of the original Group, and has served both as President and Secretary during those years. The special 32nd Anniversary Cake was made by Mrs. George McKenzie, and presented to the Group. The Rev. H. W. Grove conducted the Worship Service.

The first C.G.I.T. Graduation Service observed in McQueen Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Brownvale, Alberta,* took place in June, when the Minister, the Rev. H. W. Grove, presented to the Graduates — Gail Evans, Clara Evans, and Sharon Bettenson — their Recognition Certificates and Graduation Pins. These three graduates are members of this Church, in full communion, having joined by Profession of Faith. Miss Myrna Eastman, President of *Brownvale* C.G.I.T. Group, presented each Graduate with her ring, and the Leader, Mrs. H. W. Grove, presented each Graduate with a red rose. Mrs. R. Roberts, representing the Sunday School; Mrs. E. Thompson, representing the Senior Choir; Mrs. C. McKenzie, representing the Ladies' Aid; handed a white lighted candle to each girl. Each Graduate pinned a red rose on her Mother.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Helen Dickson, of *Pambrun, Saskatchewan,* who was for eleven years, Missionary in the *Sudan Interior Mission* at *Kano, Nigeria,* near the *Sahara Desert,* was the Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swift Current,* and brought a message of great interest. Mrs. H. Armstrong was presented with a Life Membership Certificate, and Mrs. I. R. McKee was Soloist. At a recent Meeting of this Auxiliary Mrs. I. R. McKee received a Life Membership Certificate, presented to her by Mrs. A. Shaw, on behalf of the Auxiliary. Members enjoyed meeting Miss Dickson at the Social Hour following the Meeting.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — "If together we share, in work and in prayer, our projects accomplished will be" — this was the general Theme of the Annual Meeting of *Regina* Presbyterial, held in First Presbyterian Church, *Regina.* President, Mrs. W. G. Smith, presiding at all Sessions, welcomed guests, and the Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by R. Manthorp. A Model Explorer Meeting was held, and the Award for an Anniversary Slogan was presented to St. Stephen's Explorers. At the Buffet Supper in the Church Hall, Rev. T. Nyardi asked the Blessing, and the Rev. Ian Wishart gave a Camp Report, showing slides. A competition had been held to name the new Camp, situated on *Buffalo Pound Lake,* now known as *Valley View Resort,* and the name, *"Kum-Ba-Yah",* submitted by Miss Ann McAlpine, of Moose Jaw, was chosen. The name is that of an African hymn, praying that God will "come by here". Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, showed a film on "Armagh", and the Worship Service was led by the Rev. Dr. N. D. Kennedy, who also installed the new Executive.

The Presbyterian W.M.S. Groups of *Regina* held their joint Thank-Offering Meeting in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* when Miss Indira Singh, of *Indore, India,* was the Guest Speaker. Mrs. W. L. Stilborn, President of the St. Stephen's W.M.S. Group, led the Meeting, and Mrs. W. G. Smith, President of *Regina* Presbyterial, gave the Closing Prayer. A Social Hour was held at the close of the Meeting.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Nat McMaster presented the Certificate, and Mrs. Lampkin presented the Pin, when the Jessie McDonald W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Southminster* Presbyterian Church presented its first Life Membership to their first President, Mrs. Sarah Graham. Past President, Mrs. R. W. Lampkin presided, and Mrs. R. J. Hood, of *Carberry,* President of *Brandon* Presbyterial was Guest Speaker. A Choir of W.M.S. members sang, and Mrs. Jack Topp thanked the Speaker. Others taking part in the Service were Mrs. Fred McKay, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, Mrs. James Huter and Mrs. W. L. Hunter. Guests were present from the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of First Presbyterian, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches, of *Brandon,* and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with a Golden Anniversary Celebration, held both Afternoon and Evening in the Church Hall. Some Hundred invitations to former members went as far afield as *Quebec* and *Vancouver,* and two of the original members, Mrs. C. A. Sarsfield and Mrs. Robert Rutherford, were honoured guests. Out of town guests included Rev. and Mrs. R. Y. McAllister, of *Brisbane, Australia,* and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dobson of *Hayling Island, Hampshire, England.* President, Mrs. Angus Kellie, presided, and gave the history of the Auxiliary, and Peter Pow, representing his Aunt, Mrs. Charles McIntosh, the oldest member of St. Andrew's Church, cut the Anniversary Cake.

Special Guests were Mayor S. A. Magnacca, who extended Civic Greetings, and Mrs. Magnacca; Mrs. J. J. Cowan; Mrs. Nathaniel McMaster and Presbyterial President, Mrs.

R. J. Hood, of *Carberry*. Mrs. John McLeod, Past President of *Manitoba* Synodical, with Mrs. C. A. Sarsfield and Mrs. Robert Rutherford, poured tea; Mrs. C. R. Wilson and Mrs. Donald Shaw received the guests in the Afternoon, Mrs. R. B. Herrod and Mrs. James Muir, in the Evening; Mrs. Elizabeth Rutherford and Mrs. Sarah Allen had charge of the Guest Book; and the Committee in charge were Mrs. Herrod, Mrs. Muir, and Mrs. Kellie. The C.O.C. sang during the afternoon and the Explorer Group presented a Play, written by Mrs. Herrod; and the C.G.I.T. sang several numbers in the Evening.

On the Sunday Morning, the Rev. R. B. Herrod conducted a Memorial Service in memory of 31 members, now deceased. New Bibles, the gift of the present W.M.S. Auxiliary members, were placed in the pews of the Church.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial met recently in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* when Mrs. Gladys McDougall, President, was in the Chair, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. R. Hillier and Mrs. W. G. France. Highlight of the Meeting was the Report of Council Delegate, Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell, giving full details of the Annual Council Meeting, in *Toronto*. Mrs. K. W. Hearnden, Young Women's Secretary, told of the Congregational Survey of the Churches in this Presbyterial, and Mrs. S. A. Sherlock, Girls Work Secretary, reported that all of the Lakehead C.G.I.T. groups had affiliated with the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliaries. A Social Hour followed.

Miss Marjory Campbell, First Vice-President of the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* presided at the Meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Fraser, when, instead of the usual Study Book Programme, Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell, told of the recent Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto* to which she was a Delegate. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Three Presbyterian girls — Diane Wragg and Carol Sellers, of First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* and Bobbi Middleton, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William* — received their Graduation Certificates at the Annual Graduation Exercises of the C.G.I.T. held in *Port Arthur*.

All W.M.S. members will join in congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, (the former Miss Margaret McKenzie of our Presbyterian Mission in *Formosa*) on the birth of a daughter, Margaret Beth, on May 17, 1962, in *Port Arthur, Ontario*.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Selkirk,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church on Sunday evening, Mrs.

E. M. McKay, Vice-President of *Manitoba* Synodical was Guest Speaker, and spoke on "Thankfulness, Service and Prayer". Mrs. J. Slyker was Soloist. Life Membership Certificates were presented to Mrs. K. Karlenzig and Mrs. J. B. Craig, and a Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

The Girls' Choir from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at *Kenora, Ontario,* and the Boys' Choir, from the *Birtle* Indian Residential School, recently visited First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* at the invitation of the Sunday School of that Church. The singing of the joint Choirs, who were in charge of the Choral part of the Church Service, provided a real musical treat for the congregation. At the conclusion of the Service, the visiting Choirs were entertained by the Sunday School and the Young People of First Presbyterian Church.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morden,* at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. A. McBain Dudgeon, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. W. E. Scales, with Mrs. E. Henderson presenting the Certificate and Mrs. J. Clubine, presenting the gold Membership Pin.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. S. Jackson presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* and Mrs. H. Nugent, of *Chatsworth,* the Guest Speaker, spoke on "Four Women Then — and Ourselves". The Easter Service of Worship from the April "Glad Tidings" was used, with Mrs. Jack Scott, Mrs. John Jenkins, and Miss Lila Nelson, taking part. Mrs. A. Bell, and Mrs. L. McGregor, were Soloists, and eight members of the Explorer Group, accompanied by Mrs. K. Waldie, gave a musical selection. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held at *Lucknow* Presbyterian Church, with President, Mrs. F. Moffat, presiding at all Sessions. In the morning, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, met with the Executive, and in the afternoon addressed the Meeting on the Projects for the Anniversaries' Year; the work of Fellowship House in *Winnipeg*; and the W.M.S. work at home and Overseas. Worship Services were given by Mrs. H. Aitcheson, Mrs. L. Fortune, and Miss Christine Isbister, of the *Wingham* W.M.S. Auxiliary; and by Mrs. Wm. McCreath, Mrs. Bette MacLeod and Mrs. C. MacAuley, of the *Ripley* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. Frank Maulden, of *Kinlough,* presented an Honorary Membership to Miss Emma Richardson, of *Langside,* and the "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by Miss Dean MacLeod, of *South Kinloss.* The Synodical Meeting was reported by Mrs. Bessie Steele, *Teeswater,* Mrs. Robert McMurray, *Bluevale,* Mrs. Wm. King, *Brussels,* and Mrs. Andrew Gaunt, *Whitechurch.* At the Evening Session, Mrs. John Day gave Synodical highlights. *Lucknow* Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary presented an Historical Pageant, depicting the years of W.M.S. work in *Maitland* Presbyterial. Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. A. C. Agnew, President of *Lucknow* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Rev. F. Cromey, *Kincardine,* Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. An invitation was extended to the Presbyterial to meet for the 1963 Annual Meeting in *Brussels* Presbyterian Church.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Meeting of District 2, of this Presbyterial, met in *North Pelham* Presbyterian Church, with President, Mrs. Charles Cole, presiding. Group Reports were given, and Mrs. W. Sands, *Port Colborne,* reported the Synodical Meeting in *Hamilton.* Mrs. Ross of *Port Colborne* conducted the Memorial Service, and Mrs. Donald Miller, of *North Pelham* was Soloist. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. Kline and Mrs. F. Gillespie, of *North Pelham;* and by Mrs. Hallett, and Mrs. Gilmore, of *Rockway.* The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Frodsham, of *Port Colborne,* formerly a laboratory technician in *Angola, Africa,* who told of the life of the Africans and the Portuguese in that part of *Africa.* The District Meeting in 1963 will be held in *Rockway* Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. Spencer, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, when two Honorary Memberships were presented to members who have spent a lifetime in active W.M.S. work — Mrs. A. Willick and Miss Carrie Willick. The family of Mrs. Arthur Willick, her sisters, Mrs. E. Weaver and Mrs. George Glasgow, and nieces Eleanor and Margaret, gave the Honorary Membership to their Mother, Mrs. A. Willick, and Mrs. John Coutts, in memory of the late Mrs. W. Coutts, gave the Honorary Membership to Miss Carrie Willick.

The Adda McLean W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* celebrated a Fifth Anniversary with President, Mrs. Don Booth presiding, and many guests present. Greetings from Presbyterial were brought by Mrs. John Gilmore, of *Rockway,* and the Guest Speaker was Mrs. Murdoch Pollock, *London.* Explorer and C.G.I.T. Groups contributed special music. The Auxiliary presented a Life Membership to Mrs. C. D. Henderson, and the Membership Pin was presented by Mr. Henderson. Mrs. Pollock, on behalf of her Mother, Mrs. L. D. Wooding, the first President of this Auxiliary, cut the Birthday Cake, and Miss Ann Cook and Mrs. George Hamilton presided at the tea table.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the Gordon Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. John L. Donaldson, by Miss Ethel Donaldson.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial met for the Annual Meeting in *Elliot Lake* Presbyterian Church, with the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church welcoming the delegates to their first visit to this area. Thirty-three members attended from *Sault Ste. Marie.*

When the Young People of *North Bay* and *Algoma* Presbytery held their Annual Convention in Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Sault Ste. Marie,* the Guest Speaker was the Rev. J. H. Williams, B.A., of Glenview Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* The Women's Association of *West Korah* served Dinner.

The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Sault Ste. Marie,* under the leadership of Miss Joyce Chester, held a Supper Meeting, when Mrs. R. Duke was the Guest Speaker.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Ninety-seven W.M.S. women registered for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of *Orangeville* Presbyterial, held in the Presbyterian Church at *Ventry,* when President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser presided, and the Theme was "Wisdom". Delegates were welcomed by the President of *Ventry* W.M.S. Auxiliary, to which Mrs. E. Stewart, *Maple Valley,* replied, and the Rev. T. Caldwell, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. Morning Devotions were given by Mrs. A. McCraig, *Priceville,* and Mrs. Herb Tims, *Markdale;* Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. Middlebrook, of *Claude,* Mrs. F. Faulkner, of *Claude,* and Mrs. G. Henry, *Horning Mills.* Mrs. S. McNeilly and Mrs. J. Nute, delegates, gave excellent reports of the Annual Synodical Meeting, and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, also spoke. Miss Hazel Macdonald, recently returned from *Formosa,* gave a graphic picture of W.M.S. work in that land; the Rev. J. C. Cooper, B.A., Assistant Home Missions Secretary, told of Presbyterian work among the Hungarians, Chinese and Ukrainians; Rev. R. M. Ransom, Th.B., Assistant Overseas Secretary described the work in *British Guiana.*

An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. H. Berney, *Caledon East,* by Mrs. Sutton and Miss McLachlan, of *Hillsburg.* The Musical Programme was given by Mr. Bruce, of *Ventry,* Mrs. Palmer, *Dundalk,* Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Stewart, and a short Candle-Lighting Ceremony was conducted to mark this important Anniversary. The women of *Ventry* Church made the Anniversary Cake and served Dinner, and Toasts and Speeches were given by the Rev. Sinclair, and the Rev. Caldwell.

The Annual Children's Rally, held in *Waldemar* Presbyterian Church, had an attendance of 190 children. Each Group answered Roll Call with their favourite Hymn, and Mrs. Tom Maxwell, led the singing of several Choruses. Taking part in the Programme were the C.O.C. Group of *Erin,* who gave the story of Joseph; *Dandalk* Group gave a choral reading; *South Luther* Group and *Swinton Park Explorers* gave a chapter of their Study Book. *Boothville* C.O.C. sang a negro spirituelle; the *Hillsburg* Group, dressed appropriately, recited verses about children around the world; *Orangeville* Explorers, and the C.O.C. Group, each recited a Psalm and song. *Grand Valley* and *Waldemar* C.O.C. Groups sang, as did the C.O.C. Group of *Price's Corners.* Jane Main, of *Orangeville,* offered prayer; and Bobbie Sinclair, of *Dundalk,* replied to the welcome by the *Waldemar* Group. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Presbyterial President spoke to the children, and Mrs. J. Caldwell thanked all taking part. The *Waldemar* ladies served lunch.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. John Perkins, presided at the Spring Rally of this Presbyterial, held in *Drayton* Presbyterian Church, and Devotions were led by Mrs. Walter Schaefer, and Mrs. Gordon Krauter, of Burns Presbyterian Church, *Rocky Saugeen.* Mrs. Floyd Besse, of *Drayton,* was Soloist. Reports of the Annual Synodical Meeting were given by the appointed Delegates. The President urged members to make daily use of the Prayer Sheets at the chosen hour — 9.30 A.M. Miss Catherine Ritchie gave the closing prayer, after which the *Drayton* ladies served refreshments.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — Representatives of all W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Northern Ontario met in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cochrane,* for the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, with delegates from *Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Englehart, Tomstown,* and *New Liskeard,* and President Mrs. E. J. Kerr, presiding at all sessions. Mrs. Travess, of *Cochrane,* welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. W. Messenger, of *Timmins,* replied. Special Guests were Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., W.M.S. Missionary from *Taiwan;* Miss M. Paxton, student deaconess; Mrs. K. English; and Mrs. K. Wilson, Graduate Deaconess. Miss Martine Van Beek, Presbytery Deaconess, told of the coming Anniversaries' Celebrations in 1964, and Mrs. L. Gibbons, *Englehart,* moderated a Panel on the work of the Auxiliaries. The Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Litster, of *Englehart,* and the Soloist was

Mrs. A. McMenemy. The Rev. Karl English installed the new Officers.

At the Supper Hour, three Past Presidents — Mrs. J. A. Stewart, *Cochrane;* Mrs. McPhee, of *Sudbury;* Mrs. W. N. Macdonald — spoke briefly. The Anniversary Cake was cut by Mrs. Macdonald. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, extended greetings, as did the Rev. T. A. A. Duke, Moderator of Temiskaming Presbytery, and the Rev. K. English. Members from *Kirkland Lake* and *Timmins* W.M.S. Auxiliaries conducted Evening Worship, and the Junior Choir of *Cochrane* Presbyterian Church sang an Anthem. Miss Hazel Macdonald, using native costumes, and slides, gave an outstanding presentation of "Mission Work in *Taiwan*". The next Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in McKay Presbyterian Church, *Timmins.* The Rev. K. English pronounced the Benediction after which the *Cochrane* W.M.S. ladies served refreshments.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough,* held their Annual Open Meeting in the evening, with Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., of *India,* the Guest Speaker, who spoke of our Medical work in *India.* She told of a Nurses' Meeting in the sacred city of *Benares,* on the *Ganges,* where, at the same time the Hindu "Mela" — (conference) was held, with thousands seeking salvation, and bathing in the purifying waters of the *Ganges River.* A Social Hour of fellowship followed the Meeting.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — "Joyous Christian Service" was the Theme of the Annual Meeting of *Brockville* Presbyterial, held in the Presbyterian Church, *Morewood,* with President, Mrs. C. Brown, conducting both Sessions, assisted by Mrs. A. Mearns. Delegates were welcomed by Miss Feely, of *Morewood,* and Mrs. E. Munro, of *Winchester Springs,* replied. Morning Devotional was conducted by Mrs. A. D. Sutherland, *Chesterville;* the Afternoon Devotional by Mrs. J. Greene, of *Cardinal.* Mrs. A. D. Sutherland, Mrs. J. Greene, and Mrs. E. Hawkes, gave highlights of the Synodical Meeting, held in *Smiths Falls,* and the Anniversaries' Committee presented a Skit, stressing the importance of these two Anniversaries in 1964. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, outlined the duties of Auxiliary Officers.

The Guest Speaker, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., on furlough from *India,* presented a great challenge to the W.M.S., as she spoke on the theme, "Vision, Faith, and Action", pointing out the share the W.M.S. takes in the development of Nursing Education in *India.* After a period of Intercessory Prayer, the Rev. A. D. Sutherland, closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. I. D. MacIver, President, presided at all Sessions of the Annual Rally of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maxville,* when the Theme was "O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth". Morning Worship Service was given by members of *Maxville* W.M.S. Auxiliary; the Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by members of *Finch* W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Treasurer's Report showed a slight increase in givings. Mrs. Hugh Cameron, of *Finch,* reported the Synodical Annual Meeting in *Smiths Falls,* and Mrs. A. J. Wilkes, Presbyterial Key Woman for the 1964 Anniversaries, reporting on the Projects, urged all Presbyterials to send in the names of their Key Women promptly. The Annual Council Meeting, held in *Toronto,* was reported by Mrs. Charles Falconer, of *Lancaster.* The Morning Session was closed with Prayer, by Mrs. James MacCrimmon, of *Dunvegan.*

At the Afternoon Session, the Rev. I. D. MacIver brought Presbytery Greetings, and President, Mrs. T. R. Gates brought greetings from Montreal and Ottawa Synodical. Mrs. J. McCleverty, of *Ingleside,* conducted the Memorial Service. Mrs. Robertson Millar introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., of *India,* who has served our Society in *India* for 30 years, and is now home on furlough. Miss MacMurchy, in her interesting and informative Address, spoke on the theme "If We Walk In The Light, We Have Fellowship One With Another". This was the highlight of the Afternoon Session, to all of the 146 W.M.S. women registered at the Rally. Mrs. Charles Falconer gave a brief description of the new Ewart College in *Toronto,* and Mrs. Wm. McMaster reported for the Courtesies Committee. Mrs. E. L. Blair gave the closing words of the Rally, and extended an invitation for the 1963 Presbyterial Rally to be held in *Moose Creek* Presbyterian Church. The Rev. I. D. MacIver, closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—The St. Andrew's Home W.M.S. Auxiliary recently enjoyed a time of fellowship as guests of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, when, after dessert, they were welcomed by the Minister, the Rev. J. S. McBride, who also conducted the Worship Service. President, Mrs. Jo-Anna Wilson, of the visiting Group, was introduced to the Meeting and graciously thanked the hostesses, on behalf of her Auxiliary. The Guest Speaker was Miss Frieda Matthews, whose friendly and informal talk so fitted this happy occasion. Transportation for the guests was provided by gentlemen from the congregation.

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APPRECIATION!

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BETWEEN the years 1777 and 1832, a man with the undistinguished name of John Jones kept a diary, which was published a few years ago. He began his diary when he was a young man leaving England to go to Jamaica, as tutor to the children of a government official. During the two years he spent in Jamaica, his diary records numerous complaints. He didn't like Jamaica. He didn't like the climate. He didn't like the people. He didn't like the food. He said he would rather live on bread and water in England, than on banquets in Jamaica. The day he was leaving the island, he said that he was happy to see it sink out of sight on the horizon, and that he hoped he would never set eyes on it again.

Later on in the diary, there are kindlier references to things he had seen and done during the time he was in Jamaica. Then there is the surprising statement — surprising, in the light of all he had complained about while he was there — that he would always look back upon the years he had spent in Jamaica as being the happiest years of his life!

We are all inclined to be a little like this man who complained about so many things in Jamaica, and then looked back upon the time he had spent there, as being the happiest years of his life. It is said of man that he looks before and after, and pines for what is not. The ability to look before and after, is one of our great endowments. It is good for us to look before and after, and to strive for what is not. But in our looking before and after, and in our pining for what is not, we are often strangely unappreciative of what is with us, here and now.

Our word "appreciate" comes from a verb meaning to put a price on something, or to estimate the value of something. It is from the same root as the verb "appraise" which we use in estimating the value of something. There are real-estate appraisers who estimate the value of lands and buildings. There are art appraisers who estimate the value, in current terms, of paintings and objects of art work. We think of the ability to appreciate, as the ability to set value upon things and estimate their true worth. In looking before and after, in comparing what is, with what has been, or what we hope may be, we often fail miserably to appreciate blessings which are with us here and now. In one of the old prayers of the Church, we give thanks to God "for unnumbered mercies, often unnoticed, often unimproved, and ever undeserved". At this Thanksgiving season, when we are called to return thanks to God for the harvest of the earth, and the fruits of the field, it is appropriate that we should give some thought to our tendency to fail to appreciate God's present blessings.

The people of Israel always looked back upon the giving of manna in the wilderness, as one of the great acts of God for the deliverance of His people. We find the Psalmists saying that God gave their fathers angels' food. We find that the Jewish people in the time of our Lord, 1400 years later, recalled, with gratitude, that God had given their fathers manna in the wilderness. How did the people receive it when it was given? Turn back to Numbers 11:5-6, and you will see that they did not think very highly of the manna when it was given.

> "And the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who will give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely: the cucumbers and the melons; and the leeks, and the onions and the garlic: but now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all but this manna before our eyes."

Nothing but manna! Later generations spoke of the manna as angels' food; the bread of heaven, miraculously provided for their sustenance. The people who received it, thought it was poor stuff compared to the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, and the garlic, that they had enjoyed in Egypt.

We, who so often fail to appreciate God's blessings when they are with us, cannot reproach these folk of long ago for complaining about the manna. When students are attending School and College, they often grumble about the hardness of their lot. The lectures are wearisome. The Instructors are unreasonable. The assignments are boring. The meals in the dining-hall are terrible, and those in the cafeteria are no better. They are anxious to get away from the place, and the sooner the better. Then, in a few years, you hear them talking about the fine times they had in College. At Class Reunions they talk as though the years they had spent in college were the happiest years of their lives.

When our eyes are fixed on distant goals, when we are looking before and after, there are often blessings given to us which are unnoticed and unappreciated. When we are young we are saying, "When I grow up . . . " When we grow up we are saying, "When I have a home of my own . . . " When we have homes of our own we are saying, "When the children are through school . . ." When the children are grown up . . . Then one day we realize with a catch in the throat, that the wheel has come full circle, that very pleasant days were ours, and that they have passed, alas, like our youth, too soon. There was manna given in our wilderness, and we didn't appreciate it when he had it.

In our interpretation of events, we often fail to see in them evidence of God's purposes for good. When Jacob's sons came up from Egypt with the news that Simeon had been kept as a hostage, and that Benjamin would have to be brought down with them the next time they went to get grain, to tide them over the famine, Jacob put the gloomiest possible interpretation upon what they had told him. "Joseph is not," he complained: "Simeon is not; and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me." The events of life seemed to him, at the moment, to be a succession of losses and disappointments.

In Dickens' story, *David Copperfield,* there is a Mrs. Gummidge who takes precisely this view of events. "I'm a lone lorn creetur," she wailed, "and everythink goes contrairy with me!" When reminded that other people had their troubles too, she insisted that she felt hers more, and that there was nothing better in prospect for her than to crawl into bed and die. I suppose that most of us have had days when we felt a little like Mrs. Gummidge. There are days when everything seems to go "contrairy" with us, and when we are tempted to say, like Jacob, "All these things are against me."

Yet, Jacob's reading of events was a mistaken one. Joseph, whom he mourned as dead, was in a position where he could save his father's house from famine. Simeon was safe. No harm was to come to Benjamin. The events, which he mistakenly interpreted as being against him, were part of a pattern of events designed for his good. We are often equally mistaken in our reading of events, and look with unappreciative eyes upon the unfolding of God's purposes of good.

In contrast with the unappreciative attitude of Jacob, who assumed that everything was against him, we find St. Paul telling the members of the Church in Corinth that all things are for our sakes. He, and they, had been having what you and I would call a "rough" time. "We are troubled on every side . . . perplexed . . . persecuted . . . cast down." He did not conclude from this that everything was against them. He said, "All things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God."

"All these things are against me." "All things are for your sakes." Here are two contrasting attitudes towards life and its events. One assumes that the events of life are part of a monstrous conspiracy against us. The other assumes that the events of life are part of a great design, intended to ensure that the thanksgiving of many should redound to the glory of God. One voices the language of complaint. The other voices the grace of appreciation.

Part of the secret of the grace of appreciation, which sees all things as being for our sakes, stems from a profound faith in the wisdom and goodness of God. Paul had seen God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Because of what he had seen there, he was confident that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, could separate us from His love. He was confident that the God whose glory had been revealed in Jesus Christ was able to make all things work together for good to them that loved Him.

Part of St. Paul's grace of appreciation stems, too, from his profound understanding of the meaning and purpose of our existence. If we assume that we are set in this world to please ourselves, to acquire wealth or fame, or to be at ease, with constant peace of mind, there are events which cannot be interpreted as being for our sakes. If, however, the purpose of our existence is, as Paul believed, that we should glorify God with our bodies, and with our spirits which are His, our experiences can be evaluated by a different standard. Anything which helps to make us worthier children of God, even the disciplines which chasten our foolish prides, our self-indulgence, our indolence, or our false ambitions, can be interpreted as being for our sakes.

It is only the faith which gives this grace of appreciation, which is adequate for life. In a world where the sun rises on the evil and the good, and the rain falls on the just and on the unjust, there will always be happenings which disturb our peace and disappoint our hopes. Without the faith which sees that all things are for our sakes we will be troubled on every side, and we will be distressed; we will be perplexed, and we will be in despair; we will be cast down, and we will be wailing that all things are against us. With the faith which sees that all things *are* for our sakes, we are able to say with St. Paul, "We are troubled on every side, but *not* distressed; we are perplexed, but *not* in despair; persecuted, but *not* forsaken, cast down, but *not* destroyed."

At this Thanksgiving season, let us hear again the ancient summons, "Lift up your hearts!" Let us realize that God is our contemporary, working out His purposes of good in us, and in our world. The God who gives day and night, seed-time and harvest, is sovereign in our world, and in the events of our lives. In looking before and after, and pining for what is not, may we have grace to appreciate, and to return thanks for, what He is bestowing upon us now.

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THESE WILL ENDURE!

There will be Beauty always,
Beyond the touch of wars;
Apple trees in blossom,
Whiteness of stars;
Music of falling waters
Bird song beneath the eaves,
Velvety crimson roses
And Autumn leaves;

Rainbows spanning the heavens,
The fragrance lilacs distil,
And across the purple darkness
A moon-drenched hill!
Pale dawns and glowing sunset,
Wide spaces, and emerald sod,
Beauty—and God!

(Selected)

A MAN PROCLAIMS HIS FAITH!

ASTRONAUT JOHN H. GLENN, JR. told of his religious faith during a Session of the Senate Space Committee, in Washington, when he was questioned by Senator Alexander Wiley, the Representative from Wisconsin, who once studied for the Lutheran ministry. The answers given by Lt. Col. Glenn, a member of the Presbyterian Church, in their simple moving terms, formed, really, a little, unassuming sermon.

Answering the question — "When you were up there, Colonel, what were your thoughts in relation to your faith?" — his reply was, "I had some very definite feelings on that, Senator. I can't say that, while in orbit, you sit there and pray, or anything like that. It is a very busy time. I feel we should live all of our lives every day, as though that were going to be the last day. Now, I fall so far short of that every day, that it is pitiful, but we come back, and keep trying the next day anyway. But I feel that, to me at least, my religion is not a 'fire-engine' type of religion, and not something that I call on in an emergency, and then put God back in His place at the end of a particularly stressful period. We try to live every day as best we can, and I think that is the way. I would say the same thing happened on the Mission. My peace has been made with my Maker for a number of years, and so I have no particular worries about the future along that line."

The last question was — "From what you have said on other occasions, I was wondering whether you felt that God was up there, as well as down here, and that in Him you lived, and moved, and had your being?" To this, Colonel Glenn replied — "Absolutely. I think to try to limit God to one particular section of space, or something, is a very foolish thing to do. I don't know the nature of God any more than anyone else, nor would I claim to, because I happened to have made a space ride that got us a little above the atmosphere. God is certainly bigger than all of that. He is omnipotent, and I am sure He will be wherever we go!"

(Adapted from a report in a Washington Newspaper, which was sent to us by a friend in Florida.)

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PERSPECTIVE

Who are you? One of those that plod,
Or an uplifted child of God?
What are your thoughts—A load to bear,
Or wings that lift you above despair?

Think God-ward, Soul — and you will find
That those who walk, with spirits freed,
Are heirs to Paradise, indeed.

(Selected)

PRAYER

Almighty God, Thou Who art at once our tender, loving Father, and our mighty Sovereign Lord, we bring to Thee again, at this Thanksgiving time, our thankful hearts, in humble gratitude for all the goodness and the mercy Thou hast so lavishly poured out upon each of us, and for Thy continuing love and compassion, which doth encompass us from day to day. Once more, we rest our eyes upon the colourful beauty, and the never-failing wonder of the changing Autumn leaves; the burnished gold of the hushed harvest fields; the quiet of the warm brown earth, rich with its vast accomplishment of growth and plenty, and resting now in the promise of renewed strength and fertility for another year.

O Lord, how wonderful, and how ordered in all its phases, is this beautiful world which Thou hast created, and how greatly beyond our feeble understanding is the infinite wisdom of Thy divine plan for this vast Universe which is Thy footstool; and for those who dwell thereon! Open our eyes anew, we beseech Thee, to Thy majesty and power, and reveal to us our deep indebtness to Thee for Thy great love for all mankind. Help us to realize, with true humility, the personal responsibilities which are ours, as we seek to learn Thy will concerning us, and what Thou wouldst have us do for Thee.

Very specially we would give Thee heartfelt thanks, in this month of Thanksgiving and of Thank-Offerings, for the great gift, and the great privilege, of giving, in Thy name, and for Thy kingdom, here on earth. Father, as we gather together in our Meetings, inspire us to give of that plenty, which Thou hast so generously given to us, in earnestness, happiness, and in grateful prayer, and may Thy blessing rest upon us, and direct us in all we plan and do. Grant unto us the will, and the deep desire, to give, not only of those possessions which, but for Thy boundless mercies toward us, would not be ours to give, but of ourselves, joyously and trustingly, realizing that no matter how generous, or how real the sacrifice, the gift without the giver is bare indeed.

Our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to guide and guard Thy people everywhere — our own Missionaries, who are so very dear to us, and all those others who work and pray together with them in distant lands, and in the Mission work of our Church and our Society in our own Canada; the Ministers and Officers of our Church, wherever they may be, that their leadership and example in Christian purpose and living, may truly strengthen, inspire, and point the way to Thee. May each member of our Women's Missionary Society, realize particularly and deeply, her oneness and true unity of purpose with each one of these, as well as her own importance as one small link in the great chain of inspiration and prayer which binds ever closer, day by day, the Christian hearts of all the world, as they unite in homage unto Thee, and in seeking to send forth Thy message of redeeming love. We ask it all in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen. (L.M.C.)

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Women In The Korean Christian Church Of Japan

by MISS TAMIKO NAKAMURA, TOKYO, JAPAN

SOMEONE HAS SAID that the time for the Missionary to write an Article is when he has been on the Field for either two weeks, or ten years! I have been with the Korean work in Japan for eight months (three of these in Korea); which puts me at that awkward stage where I have observed just enough to be sure of only one thing — that I am qualified to write nothing authoritative about anything! Please keep in mind, therefore, that what follows hereafter is but one person's observation of a very complex situation.

Before discussing the place of the women in the Korean Christian Church in Japan, we must remind ourselves that their place in the old Korean society was not unlike that held by the women of Israel, before the coming of Christ. Women and girls were denied all the privileges enjoyed by the men and boys. The separation of the sexes was such that the practice was even carried over into the worship of the Christian Church. In the early days, curtains were hung down the middle of the Sanctuaries, keeping the women out of view from the men.

Apart from this curtain, however, the Gospel of Jesus Christ brought with it the beginnings of emancipation for these illiterate and under-privileged women. The early Missionaries in Korea recognized the need to bring the message of hope and salvation to these people. Thus we find the second clause in a Mission Policy, adopted in 1893, reading — "The conversion of women, and the training of Christian girls, should be a special aim, since mothers exercise so important an influence over future generations". (p. 84, History of the Korean Church, Allan D. Clark.)

BIBLE WOMEN — In order to carry out this special aim, many women were trained in the rudiments of reading and writing, and in Bible Study, to bring other women to Christ. Both in Korea, and in the Korean work in Japan, these Bible Women played a major part in the founding of new churches. We are told that, in the pre-war days, when Ministers numbered only four or five in the whole of Japan, most of these churches were under the ministry of these devoted women. Since the close of the Second World War, ordained Ministers have gradually taken over these charges. Still there are at least two women who are faithfully ministering in outlying pastorates today. The work of the second generation Deaconesses, however, is not unlike that of the congregational workers in Canada.

WOMEN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH — The numerical strength of the women, resulting from the early missionary emphasis, is still noticeable in the Churches of the Korean Christian Church in Japan. This fact is quite easily seen at a glance in those congregations where the invisible "curtain" still divides the men and women at worship. They separate at the Church door, to sit on separate sides of the Church.

In every congregation, a certain number of the women are elected yearly to serve on the Board of Deacons, with equal responsibilities and privileges as the men. Since this Board deals with the general welfare, as well as the economic life, of a congregation, those who serve as "Deaconesses" in the Korean Christian Church in Japan have, potentially at least, a wider avenue of service opened to them than that enjoyed by the few women in some of our Canadian churches, who serve on the Boards of Management.

THE W. E. A. — Group work, amongst the Korean women, follows organizational patterns corresponding to our local W.M.S. Auxiliaries, Presbyterials, and National Council. The Women's Evangelical Association is related to the Korean Christian Church in Japan through the General Assembly's Committee on Women. The W. E. A.'s national service projects include the financial assistance to a Leper Colony; the total support of

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Rev. Wenchi Kim; Miss Chung; Miss Mary Whale

one preaching point; and some aid to four other Mission points. Some years ago, the National Body sponsored a tour to Korea, and the proceeds left over from this have been held to be used toward the building of an Old People's Home.

In these several ways, though they do not have any voice in the official courts, women are actively engaged in serving within the Korean Christian Church in Japan. There is much that is being left undone, however. One visitor has said that the greatest weakness amongst the women is the lack of fellowship between the various Age Groups. The W. E. A., as it is presently set up, provides fellowship only for the older, Korean-speaking women. One very seldom finds a second-generation young woman in attendance at the Meetings and Conferences.

The Groups also suffer from the lack of good Study Programmes, and training for its members. In spite of the good work done by our early Missionaries, the invisible "veil", which still hangs in some places of worship, also divides many of our Korean family relationships. The great need today is for our Christian men and women to recognize the family as a sacred trust from God, for the Christian nurture of its members.

The W. E. A. is one organ which could be used to inform and strengthen our Korean women in their God-given tasks of Christian homemakers and mothers. Plans are being laid to provide Leadership Training in Homemaking and Bible Study, and area representatives who will, in turn, teach others. When this takes effect, we can anticipate new life in the women's groups, in the homes, and in the whole life and work of the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

The obstacles are many, however — the problem of language; the lack of leadership; the scarcity of funds; the inevitable blurring of vision and purpose, arising out of the insecurity of being aliens in Japan. Nevertheless, we are confident that, with the concerted prayer and effort, nothing is impossible in the service of Jesus Christ. Do pray for us!

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ASSURANCE

The light of God surrounds you;
The love of God infolds you;
The power of God protects you;
The presence of God watches over
you,
Wherever you are — God is!

(Selected)

Your Prayers are asked

—For all members of all groups, that, as they give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon them, they may be conscious that, with material blessings, comes the responsibility to share with those who have not; and that, with the blessing of the knowledge of the love of God, comes responsibility to make it known to all people everywhere.

—For all Synodical and Presbyterial Executives, that, as they meet, they may be guided to plan that which is best, for the areas for which they are responsible.

—For all members of the National Staff, at the Thanksgiving season, expressing our gratitude to Him for their devoted witness in bringing the message of Christ's love to many people across Canada.

—Let us pray for their continued health and strength, and that they may be given courage and wisdom in accepting new responsibilities, day by day.

—At this season of Thanksgiving, for all our Mission Fields, and our Missionaries there. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would sent forth labourers into His harvest — the harvest truly is great but the labourers are few."

—Members of the Women's Missionary Society, that all may be led by the Spirit to understand more deeply the work of our Church, at home and Overseas — particularly for our understanding of the need for us to share in the building of the Church Overseas.

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THE HEART THAT PRAYS

In cloistered stillness, or in crowded ways
God breathes His nearness to the heart that prays;
His listening Love flows in with calm, sweet power
To heal life's hurts, and light the troubled hour.

The heart that prays soars high on strong, glad wings
And finds repose beyond earth's rending things;
It hears above the turmoil and the strife
The ceaseless, matchless melody of life . . .

The heart that prays envisions tasks Divine
And yields itself to fashion love's design;
The heart that prays knows fullness of release,
And finds the way to Christ's transcendent Peace.

—Nellie Jean Stratton

The First Women's Missionary Camp at Kintail Camp, June 22nd-24th, Sponsored by the Hamilton and London Synodical

by (Mrs. Norman) NELLIE ANDERSON, Hamilton

NINETY MEMBERS of the Women's Missionary Society gathered at beautiful Camp Kintail, north of Goderich, on Lake St. Clair, from Friday evening, June 22nd, to Sunday noon, June 24th, for the first Women's Camp sponsored by the Hamilton and London Synodical. Many women, I believe, had expressed a need to "get away from it all", just for a few days, for a quiet time together. Those registering consisted of young mothers, who had left children to the care of husbands or grandmothers; working women seeking respite from the hubbub of the business world; and grandmothers, too.

Camp Kintail is a lovely spot, hidden away from the hustle and bustle of city life, where one can relax, and where nature brings one close to God and His peace and beauty. It was here, for a few short days, we found a oneness in Christ, through a week-end of study, fun and fellowship. Mrs. Victor W. Raison, convener; Mrs. R. S. Burnham, registrar; and the Committee, are to be commended for the splendid programme arranged. The response was beyond their expectation!

On Friday evening, Mrs. J. K. West, led us all in a lively singsong, followed by a period of fun-time and games, which had the desired effect of freeing us from any reserve we might have brought with us, and limbering up our muscles after hours of travel. Mrs. West also, was editor of the daily bulletin which kept us informed of the coming pranks played upon unsuspecting campers, and other news items of camp life and the world. Just to remind us that we were still W.M.S. members, an international Dress-Up and Parade, depicting our Mission Fields, was held on Saturday night, when we rummaged through our luggage for anything that might substitute for a native costume, or when Miss Hazel Macdonald, missionary from Formosa, kindly came to our rescue with clothing and curios gathered in her travels. After the parade, came the international supper, which had to be eaten with chop sticks, a few managing to use them successfully, the rest of us finally retreating to our native cutlery. It was a treat to have as our cook, Mrs. Wm. Vandermark, with her assistants (all young people, Beth Vandermark, Jo-anne Raison, John Henderson and Robert Brown), look so ably after our bodily needs, with three hearty meals a day, and coffee breaks, too!

Our fellowship was deepened and strengthened too, during the small gatherings, during rest period, or in our cabins before dropping off to sleep, as we discussed the happenings of the day. It surely happened, as we sat on the lakeshore under the myriad of golden stars, shining out of the blackness of night, brightened by the glowing embers of the camp fire, singing the favourite old gospel hymns, that we were made aware of our oneness, and of God's love for us and all mankind. I think too, that the informal chats with Miss Lily Macarthur, former National Children's Secretary on Council Executive, and Miss Macdonald, made us conscious of Christ within, and His purpose for life.

Yes, we had our fun and food, K.P. duty, and free time for swimming, all these conducive aids to fellowship, but I'm sure I speak for all when I say the most inspiring periods were— (1) The Bible Study sessions, gathered in groups of seven or eight, out under the canopy of blue, as we meditated on the theme "Christ in You", and came to realize God has a plan for our lives; that Christ through the Holy Spirit dwells in us to strengthen us for living; the way He expects a Christian to live; and where we learned our responsibility as Christians towards others. (2) The challenging Theme Address given by Miss Macarthur, using as her text "What doest thou here, Elijah?". Miss Macarthur made us realize we had not chosen God, but He has chosen us, just as He did Elijah, to serve Him.

"What is that in thy hand", asked Miss Macarthur, "is it a needle and thread, a child's hand, a pencil, money, a voice"? God has given us talents and abilities which should be dedicated and yielded for His use. The world is troubled and seeking an answer to life, and *we* have that answer. How are we going to prepare ourselves to give that answer? We must do it by spending more time in Bible study, alone, and with others, in our homes, and in our churches, with both men and women. It is up to us women to give the inspiration, and we should ask God to help us be receptive to the Holy Spirit and its guidance. We should pray, too, that the power of the Holy Spirit might work in the hearts of the leaders of the nations of the world, Christian, heathen, and atheist. (3) The closing session, Sunday noon, when Miss Hazel Macdonald told us of the Christian Tyal women of Formosa, who, determined to have a Bible School, went out with the plea "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver", and within three months raised $100,000 Formosan. Many of these women cannot read, but trusting in the Holy Spirit, have done amazing things for the Christian church in their land. When General Chiang Kai-shek learned of an approaching typhoon, about to strike the Island, he went immediately to church to pray that this storm might by-pass the land. The women's prayer league, believing in the power of prayer and the truth of God's promises, also gathered together and prayed continuously for four hours. Their prayer was answered. What great things God could do with us who have an education, who have this great Christian faith, and who live in a land of wealth and abundance, if only we would surrender ourselves and dedicate our all to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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REMEMBER

The "In Remembrance" Cards

These are the dignified, white "Remembrance Gift" cards, with the W.M.S. crest, front bordering, and Old English lettering, of good "Presbyterian Blue", which were prepared in response to numerous requests from our members, so that, if so desired, friends of the departed one could, in lieu of flowers, make a gift to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) These cards seem to have well fulfilled their purpose — they have been well received, and widely used throughout our whole Society. They are always available in any quantities required, and the following statement outlines the plan for their distribution and use:—

1. These cards will be handled by the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, who will order them, in such quantities as they desire, from the Publications Department.
2. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary, in her turn, will order the number she needs from the Presbyterial Secretary. The price will be at the rate of fifty cents per dozen. Presbyterial Secretaries are advised to keep a supply in stock.
3. Anyone desiring these cards may secure them from the Literature Secretary of the local Auxiliary, who should keep some on hand. In Auxiliaries without a Literature Secretary, some responsible person should be appointed to handle these cards.
4. The money so donated as an "In Remembrance" gift will be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who will then provide the donor with an official receipt.
5. The card, itself, will be signed and sent to the bereaved family by the donor.
6. These "In Remembrance" gifts will be included in the Auxiliary contribution to the General Fund of the Society.

"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me"

by ELLEN DOUGLAS

"GO YE THEREFORE . . ." As Oswald Chambers points out, our Lord did not say "Go into Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria", but rather, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" in all these places. "To go" simply means "to live" for Him, and He undertakes to establish our goings. While serving as Presbytery Deaconess this past year, my "goings" have brought me into contact with a great many interesting people, and revealed some of the many phases of the witness of our Church in Canada.

One of the first assignments, given by the committee to direct the work of the Presbytery Deaconess, was to meet the Presbyterian women students living in residence on the university campus. Some thirty young women were visited, and advised of the help available at St. Andrew's Hall, Presbyterian Residence, on the fine campus of the University of British Columbia. Dr. Ross, who is Presbyterian Chaplain for the university, is Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, and welcomes all students to the services and social hours held there. Some of the girls I met had come great distances. Two were from Brazil; one from Australia; several from Trinidad and Jamaica; one from our Church in St. John's, Newfoundland; while others came from the prairie provinces, and various parts of British Columbia. All seemed to appreciate the interest of the Church, and, for several, the visit occurred at an opportune time, for the strangeness of the surroundings and the new pace were causing some bewilderment and discouragement.

From the accelerated life of the busy campus, the next assignment led away to the much more relaxed atmosphere of two rural charges. With only "stated supply" for many years, the dear people in these areas felt it would be beneficial to have some visiting done. Cattle lowing impatiently, as their owner, a widow, talked briefly in the barn; the good smell of freshly-baked bread in a farm-house kitchen; a small and very poor home in the midst of a sea of mud, with a sick mother, helpless father, and apparently hopeless future — these are some of the sights, sounds, and smells, that will not soon be forgotten. In each situation, it was possible to witness to the loving concern of the Father for His children, while the warmth of the hospitality experienced everywhere was an inspiration. Here was a true sharing of the riches of the Gospel.

Later during the year pastoral visiting was done in urban areas, where there is no resident Minister. In contrast with the visiting in the country, this urban experience brought little confidence that there had been any real "sharing"; indeed, there was concern that this worker in her way, and with her means, might not reach these people with the Word of Life. In one district, where the homes of Church-School children were to be visited there was often no response to the door bell, probably because both parents were working. When a door was opened, the interest was very slight, and the conviction intensified that Church-School teachers would have to put forth a superhuman effort to combat the influence at work in such homes.

That some Sunday School teachers are trying to make just that kind of effort was made evident at training sessions, held in three different churches. Every fall, two "clinics" are held for the teachers, one in the Fraser Valley, and the other in the city. As some are unable to attend these, however, further training sessions were requested; the desire was that they be conducted locally, over a period of several weeks. It was a privilege to meet with many consecrated teachers, but we must realize that true consecration means more than mere attendance at Church School. The sacrificial devotion of time to study our pupils, to study materials, and to study methods, is necessary if we are to be true workmen for God, who "need not be ashamed".

Another area of Christian witness and growth, in which it was a privilege to share, was that of Bible Study Groups. One of these was a group of business girls who had come from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Trinidad, British Guiana, as well as all parts of Canada, to work in Vancouver as nurses, secretaries, teachers, etc. They had a varied programme, but one or two evenings each month were devoted to Bible Study. A splendid group of married women met faithfully one afternoon each week through the winter. Here some real work was done as we searched the Scriptures together; that fellowship will remain a treasured memory.

With the approach of summer, it became necessary to plan for Vacation Church Schools and Summer Camps. These are two very important means of deepening and extending the witness of our church, and yet it seems so difficult to find those willing to take the responsibility for them. As so often happens, however, men and women, already busy, came forward to carry on the work of teaching and leading our young people, in the fruitful and informal atmosphere of summer schools and camps. By so doing they are fulfilling the purpose of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

As J. B. Phillips translates Paul, "Individually, grace is given to us in different ways, out of the rich diversity of Christ's giving . . . His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for service, that the whole body might be built up". It is the sharing of these gifts which leads to the maturing and strengthening of the Body of Christ, which is the Church, and adds to its witness in Canada and the world.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

MISS MARGARET NEAR returned to her work at the Chinese Church in Toronto on July 1st, following six months' leave of absence. During her leave, Miss Near completed work on her Master of Religious Education degree at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California.

On July 1st, following her study furlough, **MISS FLORA WHITEFORD** took up her duties again in Downtown Mission work, centred in the Queen Street, East, district of Toronto. Miss Whiteford spent the first six months of the year studying and observing in Downtown work in Edinburgh, Scotland.

MISS LILA SCHNEIDER began her work as Hospital Visitor in the City of London, Ontario, on September 1st. For the past two years Miss Schneider has been engaged in work at the Chinese Mission in Montreal.

MISS GRACE LEE, of our Chinese staff in Victoria, will spend her study furlough in Hong Kong, beginning early in September.

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A THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

I wonder—if Christ were standing here,
Watching our gifts of thankfulness,
Could I make this Offering honestly,
With His loving eyes fixed full on me,
And feel it was something He could bless?

I wonder—if Christ were here today
In person, as we are, face to face,
Could I place in His hand this Offering,
And say, "It was all I had to bring,
To spread Thy work of redeeming grace?"

I wonder—For Christ *is* here today
And no heart-motive is hid from him!
Can it be that He finds me hesitant
To sacrifice for a cause so great?
It was worth a Cross to Him!

(Selected)

Thanksgiving Service of Worship

Prepared by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

(Miss Matthews will be long and affectionately remembered by all our members for her many years of devoted service in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Until her resignation from our Staff on December 31, 1961, Miss Matthews was Executive Director of National Missions, and she is now the Director of Immigration for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with headquarters in Montreal, Quebec (Editor).)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Leader)

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34; verse 3.

PSALM 81: (All verses)

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
To Him our voices raise,
With joyful noise let us the Rock
Of our salvation praise."

PRAYER: (Leader)

We bow humbly before Thee, Who art our Lord, our Redeemer, and our God, remembering Thy power, Thy majesty, Thy great mercy, Thy loving kindness. Be Thou in our hearts, as during this hour of thanksgiving we come to Thee. Be Thou in our praise to Thee, that while our hymns are sung, and words are spoken, we may truly know Thy presence.

FIRST READER:

"O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea
To Thee all praise and glory be!
How shall we show our love to Thee
Who givest all!"

How great is our God, Who is Lord of Heaven and earth and sea! We remember with thanksgiving that His blessings are infinitely more than we can name — far, far more than we deserve. We should be continually praising Him, and, by our words and deeds, showing that we are thankful unto Him, Who gives us all. From the Psalms we read — "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." (Psalm 100 — verse 4)

"O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing." (Psalm 107 — verses 21, 22.)

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods; for His mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of Hosts: for His mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136 — verses 1 to 3).

SECOND READER:

"The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruits, Thy love declare,
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,
Who givest all!"

Too often we fail to be thankful for those things which we take for granted each day: — the sunshine — how many times during this past summer have we heard this comment, from people arriving in Canada — "How good it is to see the sun shining!" — the fleecy clouds, as they move in the blue sky above us. — the song of the birds — the fragrance of a rose. — refreshing rain, cooling the heat of the summer's day, and bringing new life to the grass and the grain, with the promise of a bountiful harvest. — the colours of Autumn — all the beauty and loveliness about us! "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning — For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad, through Thy work. I will triumph in the works of Thy hands." (Psalm 92 — verses 1, 2, 4.)

THIRD READER:

"To Thee, from Whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give,
O may we ever with Thee live
Who givest all!"

We think of other gifts — the joy of friends and loved ones; the opportunities to help others; the times, without number, we have known the peace and calm of the Abiding Presence of God in our lives, when the days were dark, and our hearts were sorely troubled. Let us, in a moment of silence, each one think of some of the blessings which have come.

(Silence)

As we, this day, remember with thanksgiving God's goodness and mercy to us, we think of God's greatest gift — the gift of His only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who gave His life that we might not only have joy in this life, but have life everlasting.

"As we have therefore received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk ye in Him. Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Col. 2, verses 6 and 7).

LEADER:

Let us read together Psalm 148.

PRAYER:

Almighty God and Father in Heaven, Who art the light of the hearts that see Thee, and the life of the souls that love Thee, we come to Thee with grateful hearts. We thank Thee for the many blessings which Thou, in Thy great mercy, hast bestowed upon each of us. We praise Thee for the gift of Thy beloved Son — for His life — for His death upon the Cross — and for His victorious resurrection.

We remember the countless numbers of people who know not Thy name, nor Thy redeeming grace. May we be ever more zealous in our work for Thee, truly showing our thankfulness. May that day come quickly, when Thy name shall be known throughout all the World, and when Thou shalt be acknowledged as Lord, and King of all nations. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 152: (All verses)

"Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!"

BENEDICTION:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Edith A. Archer	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Miss Mabel Richardson	Knox, Craighurst	Barrie
Mrs. Thos. Rodgers	Oro Esson	Barrie
Mrs. Charles E. Cowling	Knox, Meaford	Barrie
Miss Agnes Cameron	Gordon, St. Elmo	Glengarry
Mrs. A. V. Hunter	MacNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Mary Belle Thomson	St. James, North Yarmouth	London
Mrs. Ezra Reid	St. James, North Yarmouth	London
Miss Mabel Walsh	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs T. H. Arnold	St. Paul's, Nobleton	West Toronto

Anniversary Corner

LET'S DISCUSS AIMS AND PROJECTS

by MISS ELLEN V. HAW

Chairman, Anniversaries' Committee

IN MARKING the two important anniversaries of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., occurring in 1964, it was agreed that we should endeavour to achieve certain aims. It was agreed that our first aim should be a deeper commitment to the work of the church, and our share in it, and that in doing this we should aim—

—*to interest others in the work for which the Women's Missionary Society is responsible, and invite them to join the Society.*

Membership in the Society has been static for some years now, and while worthwhile effort can not be judged by numbers, if we believe in the work we are doing we should encourage others to participate in it, and thus strengthen the work.

—*to increase subscriptions to the Glad Tidings* and thus have a better-informed membership. The Glad Tidings provides a wealth of information about the work, and offers many helps for personal and group use for the entire W.M.S. family. The minimum objective is to increase subscriptions to 25,000 by 1964.

—*to provide funds for certain special projects* in Canada and Overseas.

Financial projects are suggested by the National and Overseas Departments, and are approved by Council Executive. Thus far two $10,000 Overseas financial projects, and one $18,000 Canadian financial project have been announced. Results, at the time of writing (July 30), are $8,727.43 contributed to Fellowship House in Winnipeg (the National Department's project); $13,006.32 contributed to the projects of the Overseas Department ($10,000 as our share for the Nurses Residence and School in Jobat, India, and $3,006.32 towards the total objective of $10,000 for our share toward the Christian Education Building in Taipei and the Hsin Chu Bible School).

These projects were undertaken as a result of much consideration, and with the knowledge that there was some danger in making appeals for special pieces of work, not included in the regular estimates of the Society. The money projects were announced, even though the actual givings in recent years have fallen short of the estimates accepted for the on-going work, to which we are committed. Expenditures have been greater than the money contributed by the Synodicals for several years.

It was felt that announcement of extra projects would do two things;

first, they would represent a special effort as we approach anniversary time, and second, they would, in some measure, satisfy the constant requests for special *named* projects, which some claim arouse more interest, and get more attention, than the support of the regular and expanding work of the Society. It has been a source of disappointment that up to this time far greater support has been given to one project than the other. If this kind of situation existed in the administration of the Society's funds, there would be great disbalance, and certain work would be neglected, or have to be dropped.

Let us all, as members of the Society, bear in mind that our first responsibility is to support the general budget for the carrying on of the work to which we are committed, as set out in the estimates. After this commitment has been met, then let us support the special financial projects for the anniversary year, and support them equally.

If your group is not familiar with the extent of the work covered by the general estimates of the Society, plan to have a review of the estimates of the Society at one of your meetings. This will make a very interesting meeting, and warrants at least one meeting per year. In order to maintain the interest of present members, and to encourage support from others, it is important to communicate these facts. The estimates for the year are printed in the January issue of the Glad Tidings.

This Anniversary Corner is written to keep members of the Society informed on matters relevant to the anniversaries. It is important that this kind of information reach all groups. Will you please see that your group is aware of the material in this article, the articles which have been published and those to be published in future? Keep a reference file for your group of articles on all matters concerning the 1964 meetings!

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WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting and
  mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Think this over, Member,
You know right from wrong,
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily,
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?
Are you an active member,
Or do you "Just Belong"?

(Selected)

SIXTY YEARS IN KOREA

by JEAN E. SONNENFELD

"DO YOU WANT to come to Mrs. Chung's birthday party with me?"

"But I don't know Mrs. Chung very well," I objected. "Besides, what do you do at a Korean birthday party?"

"Oh, you just bow to Mrs. Chung when you go in, and wish her peace on her birthday, and for many years to come. Then you try to find a place on the floor to sit down. This is her sixtieth birthday — or sixty-first, by our way of counting birthdays. But you know that Korean women don't subtract birthdays the way we do! They all look forward to the one day in their lives when everyone they know will come and honour them — on their sixtieth birthday."

So it was that I found myself squeezed on the floor, at the back of a tiny room in Mrs. Chung's two-room house. Her wrinkled face shyly radiant, Mrs. Chung stood at the front of the room, bowing to her visitors as they wished her years of peace. In front of her, a low table sagged under colourful mountains of Korean delicacies — evidence of many long hours of preparation by friends and neighbours, helping our hostess and her daughter Oksil.

As I sat on the warm floor, I realized that any woman who has survived the last sixty years in Korea deserves to be honoured. Suffering and loneliness had lined the faces of most of the older women one met in the street. They had entered the world at a time when it did not occur to the average Korean parent that his daughter needed to learn anything more than how to run a home. So Mrs. Chung and her contemporaries, had never learned to read and write, nor to earn themselves a living outside the home. In the Korea of former days, women were married young, to a man of their parents' choice, and spent their lives looking after their menfolk. In return, their men provided them a home as long as they lived.

But the whims of history had changed Korean society, and forced many women to leave the home and become the bread-winner. I wondered how Mrs. Chung had fared when, in her childhood, the Japanese annexed Korea. Did she hear complaints in her home that her country should be free of the harsh foreign rule? Were plans for the peaceful independence movement of 1919 whispered under her parents' roof? When she married and went to her husband's home, what did she tell her children their duty was, when the Japanese ordered the school-children to bow at their shrines? Did she teach them that only God should be worshipped? During the difficult years of World War II, did she continue to take them to church, and to worship with them in her home, the way so many Christian families in Korea do? The average Korean is a stubborn person, with keenly expressed emotions. Hence, opposition had driven the Korean Christians closer to God, in their search for a refuge from the world's troubles, and had made them more fervent in worshipping Him. I was sure that Mrs. Chung had not let her country's political turmoils prevent her from worshipping God.

When World War II ended, the Korean people hoped that, at last, their country could enjoy the independence and the easier life so many other countries were gaining. Mrs. Chung, along with the other women of Korea, must have been hoping that her children would now have the opportunity to fulfil her ambitions for them. But, after six years of gradual reconstruction, the Korean War shattered the country from top to bottom. Shattered, too, were the families. Mrs. Chung, like thousands of other women, was widowed and left homeless. Other families were to be divided by the line dividing their country, with no hope of reunion. How could these women, uneducated in the ways of earning a living, provide for themselves and their children? How could they find themselves a place in this family-centred society?

Somehow, Mrs. Chung and her widowed country-women gathered together the remains of their families, found some kind of shelter to make into a home, and began, for the first time in their lives, to earn their own living. Day and night Mrs. Chung plied her needle, for those who could afford her services. Other women went into business, selling shoelaces, pins, and other small items, on tables in the street. Yet, however late she had to work, our hostess led her children in worship every morning, before they went off to school or work. They read the Bible together, and she taught them to pray. On Sundays, she stopped her sewing, and took her family to church as she always had.

Thus, with God to strengthen her and befriend her in her loneliness, Mrs. Chung had seen her ambitions for her children fulfilled. The older ones had found good, responsible positions, while Oksil, the youngest, was going to university, and looking forward to the day when she could marry the young man her mother had chosen for her.

As I reflected on the turbulent lot of the women who have grown up in Korea since this century began, I silently wished the Korean greeting to Mrs. Chung and the women of Korea — "Be in peace!"

(NOTE: We are grateful to Mrs. Sonnenfeld, the former Jean E. Brown, who served on the W.M.S.

Staff among the Koreans in Japan, for this interesting account of Mrs. Chung's birthday party. We look forward to other stories from Mrs. Sonnenfeld, telling of her experiences on "the Rim of East Asia".)

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W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES—1962

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES are over for the summer of 1962, but we hope the one hundred women, representing widely separated places in Canada from Quebec to British Columbia, will continue to remember and make use of information received, either at Belleville, Ontario, or Edmonton, Alberta. Many new friendships were made as women from Sault Ste. Marie and Amherstburg to Montreal met in Belleville, and from Fort William to Vancouver, Whitehorse to Lethbridge, met in Edmonton.

All joined together under the leadership of Miss Alma Culton, of Pikeville College, Pikeville, Kentucky, to study the Acts of the Apostles. As they thought of the very beginnings of the Christian Church; of the men and women who *were* that church and who under the guidance of the Holy Spirit did great things, they were led to think of the Mission of the Christian Church in this day, and what Christian men and women in this 20th Century are called to do in "building His Church".

All Departments of the Women's Missionary Society worked together to present the work for which the Society has undertaken responsibility. Much thought was given to our "Commitment to Mission" in local churches, in Canada, and in other lands. As we thought of the work of the Church, and women's share in it, we thought of how the Church's Message and Mission could best be presented to children, teen-agers and adults.

These two Training Centres gave an opportunity for staff members, new and old, to make and renew friendships with representatives of the Society. Miss Giollo Kelly, recently appointed Director of National Missions, was present at both Training Centres; at Belleville, along with Miss Catherine Watson of Tyndale House, Montreal, and Miss Flora Whiteford of Toronto, and at Edmonton, with Miss Cathy Denholm of Winnipeg, Miss Hilda Blackwell of Red Deer, and Miss Ruth Yeandle of Vancouver (who visited the Centre for a day), she presented the work of the National Department. The responsibility of the Society outside of Canada was portrayed by Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions, assisted by Miss Bessie Mac-

Murchy of India in both Centres, and, for one day in Belleville, by Miss Helen Acton, also of India.

The leaders and officers responsible for Children's, Teen-Age Girls' and Adult groups found several new staff members ready to work with and help them. The leadership of two new National Secretaries — Miss Helen Tetley for Teen-Age Work and Miss Mabel Booth for Children's Work, was much appreciated.

In Belleville, Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, worked with Miss Tetley in the workshop on Girls' Work; in Edmonton Miss Tetley was assisted by Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary for the Synod of Manitoba. In Belleville, Miss Booth and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary of Hamilton and London, and Toronto and Kingston, Synods, led in Children's Work; in Edmonton, Miss Booth and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary of the Synod of Alberta. Those working with Synodical and Presbyterial Officers, and representatives of local Adult groups in Belleville, were Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.); Miss Louise A. Reith, Director of Organization; Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary of Hamilton and London, Toronto and Kingston Synods; and Mrs. William Geggie of the Adult Work Committee. In Edmonton, the workshop was under the leadership of Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary of the Synod of British Columbia and Miss Louise A. Reith.

All who attended the Training Centres worked hard during the four days together. In very truth, as the theme song said, everyone was "reading, and listening, and pasting, and such, for groups of Adults — Girls and Children, so much, that the time flew by as birds on a wing, at W.M.S.—T.C."

The days flew by, each one ending with an appropriate Service of Worship led by Miss Giollo Kelly. Then, as all things must end, the days of the Training Centres ended, but we are sure the fine spirit of concern and enthusiasm, and the determination to be true to our commitment to Christ and His Church, will go back to those areas from which the representatives came and we hope will be caught by all who come in contact with them.

"Lead forth my soul, O Christ,
One with Thine own,
Joyful to follow Thee
Through paths unknown,
In Thee my strength renew,
Give me my work to do!
Through me Thy truth be shown,
Thy love made known."

GREETINGS!

From The Department of Women's Work
The World Presbyterian Alliance

(The following message of greeting from the North American Area Secretary, of The Department of Women's Work of the World Presbyterian Alliance, of which our Society is a member, was sent to the Annual Council Meeting, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, last May. We feel sure that all our members will be interested to read it now in "The Glad Tidings". Ed.)

Mrs. Kenneth Philip,
Secretary, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)
Dear Mrs. Philip:—

Today, as I have been going about my household duties, I have been thinking a great deal about the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I remember that today is the Opening Day for the Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. And so, it is my joy to send greetings to your Meeting — my own warm personal greetings, in addition to those of the Department of Women's Work of the World Presbyterian Alliance, of which I am the North American Area Secretary.

We are grateful indeed for the continuing support of the women of your Church — for the contributions of all of us, together, making possible a growing sense of fellowship among the women of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches throughout the world. In addition to the general information in my Spring News Letter — a copy of which Miss Reith has received — I would ask you to remember especially those of our sisters who are living in areas of particular tension and insecurity, in these days. How they need the knowledge of our oneness!

As programme material will be prepared, in the months ahead, for the General Council Meeting of the Alliance, to be held in Germany in 1964, I know that you will be interested in seeing them, and in discovering various uses for them within the programme of the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. And, by the way, a small book, which will be off the press in a month, has been prepared for the women of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., entitled, "Certain Women Amaze Us!". It has been prepared by women of Churches in twelve countries — telling something of their background and their programme, and, even more significant, something of the particular tasks, or pressures, facing them today. This little book may have some helpful uses for many of us, in our various

Churches and situations, and I felt that the women of your Society might like to know about it.

May these days of meeting-together bring moments of high inspiration for you all, and may the sense of the tremendous responsibility, inherent in your Theme, bring with it the continuing awareness that, as God chooses His followers, He will, at the same time, strengthen and sustain them in the fulfilling of the tasks which He has entrusted to them.

Very sincerely,
(Mrs. H. Hoard) Ada Sherwin Black
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The Department of Women's Work,
The World Presbyterian Alliance
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with
Every W.M.S. Member a Glad Tidings Subscriber,
and
Every woman in your Church given that opportunity also?
This is an aim worth striving to attain!

THE MEASURE OF LIVING!

Do not look too far ahead!
Tackle this day's tasks instead.
Morning when it comes will bring
Answers to your questioning.

Do not worry! Turn your hand
To the work you understand;
By the deeds you do today,
You will light tomorrow's way.

(Selected)

"LETTERS TO LORNA"

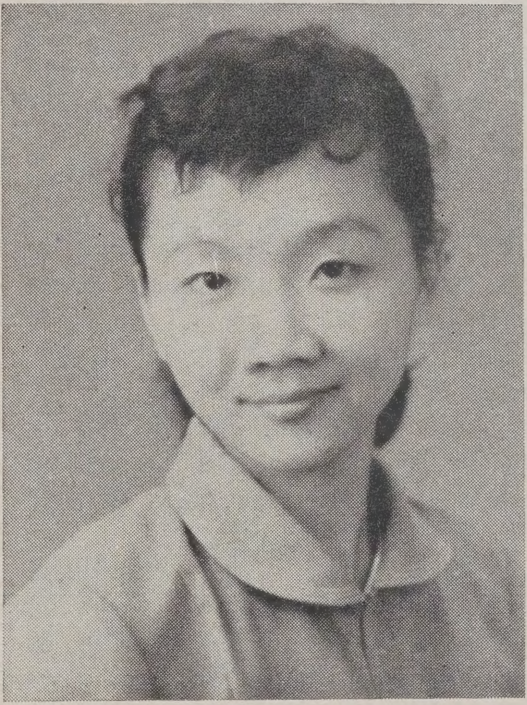
by MISS LOIS POWRIE

Regional Secretary, Montreal and Ottawa Synodical

MARY AND SUE hardly stopped talking for a minute, it seemed, as they walked together down to the Church for C.G.I.T. This was the night when they were going to make their plans for the year ahead, and Mary had lots of suggestions for things to do. She had been to C.G.I.T. Camp, and the girls in her tent had told her all about the things they did in their Groups, during the year. Some of these Projects sounded so exciting that Mary couldn't wait to tell the others in her Group.

She remembered Anne, in particular — a girl from Ottawa — and how excited she had been about the Mission Study for last year. She wished they would do something *more* interesting, so that next year she could talk the same way. By this time, the two girls were turning into the Church, and soon the Meeting would begin. Mary saw Miss Johns, and Bonnie, the President, checking the agenda, and decided, right then and there, to ask them about the Mission Study for this year.

When the usual Opening Ceremonies were over, Sandra read the Minutes, and then Bonnie asked Miss Johns if she would tell the girls about the Mission Study for the year, as Mary had requested.


MISS HSIN-MEI CHENG

Miss Johns had brought the Packet to the Meeting, so she showed it to the girls, as she explained that they would be talking mainly about the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Formosa, or Taiwan, as it is sometimes called, although they would also mention three other countries on Asia's rim—Hong Kong, Korea, and Okinawa.

She started to tell the girls about the different helps and suggestions which the writer of the Study had made for using it, while the girls took a look at the things the Packet contained.

Altogether, there were twelve Sections, stapled together, plus a picture-sheet; information about the Special Project toward which their Offerings would be sent; and a booklet called "Fun and Festival from the Rim of East Asia", by Margaret L. Copland. When Mary saw it, she pounced on it and said, "This must be one of the Series that Anne talked about at Camp! There are all kinds of things in them — games, stories, and legends. And — oh yes — recipes! Anne said they had a lot of fun trying these, and they served some of them on the night of their Re-Affiliation Service.

"Miss Johns," she continued, "do you think that we could do the same?" Miss Johns laughed, as she replied, "I don't know why we couldn't!" So Mary continued to look through the book, to see what else it contained. "Mission Study is going to be fun this year," she thought to herself.

Sue, meanwhile, had been looking at the Section entitled "Letters to Lorna". "Wouldn't it be fun," she said, "to separate these letters, putting each one in an envelope, for our Secretary to read to us each week. That way," she explained, "it will seem more exciting!"

"Yes!" said Linda. "Then we can work at our maps, and our scrapbooks, and keep track of Barbara's trip." Miss Johns had told them that the letters were a sort of diary, and full of information about Barbara's trip to the Orient, where she was to live for a year.

"My goodness, there is so much here for us to do!" exclaimed Sally. "And so many suggestions to help us in our fun, our study, and our worship!"

"Yes," said Miss Johns. "And, you know, this year we are going to be able to help someone in Formosa, in a practical way, too, while we are learning more about her homeland."

Miss Johns had shown the girls a photo of a young girl (it was on the picture sheet in the packet). "This is Miss Hsin-mei Cheng," said Miss Johns. "She is a young Formosan woman who will be studying in Japan this year. When she returns to Formosa, she will work in the Kindergarten Department of Hsinchu Bible School. Our gifts to Missions this year will go to help train her for this important work."

Mary suggested they mount the picture on their notice board. "Then we will remember to pray for her. I'm sure it will be difficult, and lonely, to go to another country to school, and she will need our prayers."

Sue added "Underneath the photo we could keep a record of our givings to this, our special mission project."

The Meeting soon drew to a close, as the girls drew up their Calendar. They decided amongst themselves who was to look after each different part of the Programme, during the study. Miss Johns reminded them to be sure to let Linda know which hymns they wished to use in their Worship Services, so that she would have enough time to practice them, and then she would feel more comfortable about trying to play them before the Group.

Mary and Sue said they would work together to gather pictures and samples for the Posters. "It should be easy to find clippings and pictures that will fit into our plans," Mary said, "because Formosa is in the news a great deal now. I am sure that Dad will let me go through the copies of 'Holiday' magazine; the 'Reader's Digest'; and the 'National Geographic'. These often have Articles, or pictures, you can use. If the rest of you see something that you think will be good, don't forget to bring it to us!"

Later, on their way home, just as Sue left her at her front door, Mary said, "You know, Sue, I'm glad that Miss Johns let us look through the Packet ourselves, and make our own choices of what we will do. It is going to be fun to study Missions this year. We're doing it because we *want* to do it! I think Miss Johns is pleased too. She seemed so interested and enthusiastic that I think we must have caught her enthusiasm."

I'm so glad that I went to Camp and met those girls, and heard what they did in their Group! It made me ask questions, and learn new ideas. Maybe, next year we can *both* go, and who knows what might happen to our programmes when we come back," she laughed. "We'll be *so* full of enthusiasm and suggestions!"

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THESE AUTUMN DAYS!

These autumn days when every wayside tree
Stands forth triumphant in its rose and gold,
When woods bear witness to the majesty
Of Him who moves among them as of old
To us may vision come, to turn aside
While beauty burns and yet is not consumed;
To put from off our feet the shoes of pride
Aware of holy ground; now hills go plumed
With flaming splendour flung against the sky,
To hear God speak and answer, "HERE AM I!"

(Molly Anderson Haley)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE FUTURE WON'T WAIT By Harvey A. Everett

"And still the future speeds — tomorrow starts today!" This quotation might almost be called the Theme of this most thought-provoking and interesting book, in which the Author asks young people to come along with him, exploring the world of tomorrow, whose foundations are already being laid in today. Feeling strongly the truth that the leaders of this tomorrow must come from the youth of today — that this is the century of youth — he seeks to show in this book something of what the future can offer these young people, and what, in their turn, the young people of today can offer to the future. Most important of all, he feels, is the fact that it will be they who will *be* the Church of Tomorrow — its Ministers, Administrators, and members of congregations — and it will be they who must guard and carry-on into the future the strong "faith of our fathers", upon which indeed depends the future of their world.

In the four chapters, Mr. Everett, who believes fervently in youth, the vital freshness of their thinking and their potential leadership, deals with "the current times and days to come; of the faith required for these times and the communities in which this faith must be shared," and in his closing Chapter he points out the challenge of the Churches presented by these Communities. He urges the young people of today to re-examine their faith, and their relationship to the Church; to think, and understand "the opportunities of a future that won't wait". This is a very stimulating book for Group discussion, as well as personal reading.

Mr. Everett is a Minister; was in the army in Korea, during the Korean War; for two-and-a-half years, he travelled all through the United States and Canada, making an intensive study of over 150 metropolitan Churches. This book is the result of those years of varied experiences, which gave him so clear an insight into the subject of the kind of Churches needed in North America today. Price — Cloth $2.95; Paper $1.75

SERVANTS OF GOD IN PEOPLE'S CHINA By Katharine Hockin

This is a book which, in my opinion, has needed to be written for some time, in order that the Christians of this Continent may really find understanding of the situation in which the Christians of China are now placed.

The writer is eminently suited for the interpretation of this background, and the presentation of what is happening in the lives of Christians in that land today. Katharine Hockin grew up in a missionary family in China; studied in Canada and the U. S., and returned to China as a Missionary Teacher. She is now Extension Secretary for the Student Christian Movement of Canada.

Her book gives a concise and understandable picture of the Old and New China; tells about the historical factors in the internal feudal disintegration in China, and in external foreign relations; the revolution and the rise of the Chinese Communist Party, and, against this background, she traces the development and life of the Christian Church in that ancient land.

"For God's people in China we can give thanks", she writes, "but if we do this, as we study China's history and development, let us not assume that Chinese Christians will naturally agree to our conclusions. The Church is there in China because of God's grace and power. The Body of Christ, there as here, is in his hands. What is God's word to us in the complexities of a world blighted by alienation, in which Christians, God's servants, find themselves tragically caught? How do we become the agents of reconciliation, working in the power of the Great God, and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ?" And in her preface, she says "The reader must share in the struggle to make sense of what is happening today, and why we, Chinese and Americans who are Christians and have been friends, now find ourselves so very far apart. The Author does not have the answer to the essential problem of a broken and divided Christian fellowship — the reader must discover the way forward, himself, in God's work of reconciliation!" A truly challenging book! Price — $1.75, Paper.

THE CHRISTIANS OF KOREA By Samuel Hugh Moffett

Korea is a fascinating land — and this is a fascinating book, of great interest and information! Once called "The Hermit Kingdom", by the Western World, both wars and geographical position, have made Korea well known indeed to the whole wide world. She is a very old and beautiful land; in her history, our Western year 1962, is the year 4295 in Korea — "older than Japan and countries of Europe, or the young nations of the West." Tradition traces Korean history back to 2333 B.C. But now she is a divided land — only half of her was set free in 1945, after the disastrous Japanese war; in the other half, the northern, the Communists' power holds fast.

Then, the Author tells us "It was precisely in these years of disaster and testing that Korea produced the greatest of its heritage of treasures — more precious than silver flutes, or celadon, or xylophones of jade — out of these hard years arose the unconquerable Christians of Korea!" It is about these wonderful people, and their unconquerable character that this book is written. There are 29 pages of really beautiful photographs of "Korea — Land of the Morning Calm", and in the 8 interesting Chapters we read of "The Forbidden Land; Korea's Unconquerable Christians; Christian Beginnings; A Nation On The Run to God; Pressures on the Church; The Church in Society; Education and the Inner Citadel; Medicine and Miracles."

The Author, Dr. Moffett, was born, and spent a great part of his life, in Korea. His father was a pioneer Missionary who was stoned in the streets of Pyongyang, Korea, when he arrived there many years ago. After World War II, the Author was a Missionary in China, Professor at Yenching University and then at Nanking Theological Seminary, until the Communist pressure put him under house arrest. Finally he was able to return to the United States, but in 1945 he was re-assigned to Korea, where he is a Representative in Korea for the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Dr. Moffett is one of five brothers serving the Church in this country and abroad. Many of our members will remember his first book, "Where'er The Sun", which was used with our Study Material after its publication in 1953. Price — Cloth $2.95; Paper $1.75

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Boys and Girls!

TALES OF TAIWAN

by ANN PECKOVER

(Adapted from a story told by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Formosa)

"ow," mumbled Tommy, fingering a sore jaw. "The dentist found a cavity I didn't know was there. Boy, does it hurt now!"

"You're lucky," replied Peter, as the two boys stepped out of the dentist's office. It had been Peter's first visit to a Canadian dentist, and the boy had been intrigued with the many instruments that were used.

"What do you mean?" asked Tommy, letting go of his jaw.

"You should see some dentistry in Taiwan!"

"That reminds me. You call it 'Taiwan' but the atlas calls the island 'Formosa'. What's the difference?"

"There isn't any really. 'Taiwan' is the name the natives have for the island. Other people call it 'Free China' or the 'Island Beautiful'. The people where we worked called the island 'Taiwan', and I got used to calling it that."

"Oh, I see! But what did you mean when you said I should see some dentistry in Taiwan?"

"Do you remember that story I told you about Sunny Lee, the girl I saw on the east coast?"

"You bet! Mrs. White had you tell the story to the Explorers. Boy, were they interested, too!"

"Well, there was one time when mother and I went to the east coast with four other missionaries. Mother was helping Miss Hermanson with the clinic, and I was going to do odd jobs.

"When we arrived in the village, Miss Hermanson set up the clinic under a tree in one corner of the square, and she and mother taught some mothers and children First Aid."

"Did they teach dentistry, too?"

"No. Another Missionary, Sister Kuni (she's one of the German Lutheran Sisters in Taiwan), did that. Sister Kuni had two boys as helpers. Dowai and Wong, who had learned some dentistry from her."

"Had they learned very much?"

"No. but they knew fundamentals like filling teeth and pulling them. Anyway, they were very friendly, and I stopped to watch them as they filled and pulled teeth. Finally, Sister Kuni came over to me. 'Would you go to the church and tell the teachers there that I'm ready to check the children's teeth now?'

"I ran over to the church across the village square. The classes were held inside, with the children sitting in groups on the floor around their teachers. I gave the message to one teacher, and she took her chattering class to Sister Kuni. Several other classes came over, too."

"That must have been a big group to handle all at once."

"It was, but that wasn't the worst of it, you see, after a little while, Sister Kuni had to leave for a few minutes, and left Dowai and Wong to handle the business."

"Was that bad?"

"Well, if you consider that about five hundred children came and crammed themselves around the boys, is it bad? Some of the children had cuts and bruises; they came over to mother and Miss Hermanson, and really jammed-up the clinic. Then — and this really finishes it — the dentists started to work. They were worried that they wouldn't do a very good job, and got angry easily. The little children were rather frightened of the 'big bad dentists' who spoke so sharply, and they started first to whimper, and then to howl, when Dowai and Wong started to yank out teeth, without freezing or anything.

"Some people were still trying to teach inside the church, but the hubbub outside really distracted the pupils. When Sister Kuni came back, she said she thought all Bedlam had broken loose, the noise was so great.

"Finally, the Missionaries put their heads together, to try and find a way to keep the children quiet. Sister Kuni said she would tell Dowai and Wong to be more pleasant, and not to yank out teeth without first checking with her. That was all right for the patients, but what was to be done with the people who were waiting? Besides, after the children were finished, they waited around and got in the way.

"Then, Miss Fraser, from the American Presbyterian Mission, offered to take the children over to a corner of the square and teach them. Before long, she had the children listening to Bible stories, singing hymns, drawing pictures, and learning Bible verses. As children finished with the dentist, they came over to the group around Miss Fraser and joined in the fun.

"For three hours, Sister Kuni and her helpers worked on teeth. Miss Hermanson and mother worked in the clinic; Miss Fraser worked with the children; and another Missionary, and her helpers, held Bible classes in the church.

"By evening, we had to leave, even though some of the pupils hadn't arrived from the school yet. We had to catch a bus to go to another conference."

The boys reached the corner and turned down their street. Tommy had been so interested in Pete's story that he had forgotten his filled tooth.

"Have you been back since then?" asked Tommy.

"No. We're hoping that we'll be able to go back to that village when mother, dad, and I go back to Taiwan. I guess there'll be plenty of work when we *do* go back, because it's over a year since we were there."

"Being a Missionary keeps you really busy, doesn't it?" grinned Tommy. "I'm glad the dentist froze my jaw before he began to drill at my tooth." Then he shouted, "C'mon, Peter! I'll race you to your place!"

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THE TRANSFORMATION OF HALLOWE'EN!

Little did anyone realize, back in 1955, that the collections carried out by children, during one evening, would grow to such proportions! It is indeed wonderful that in our world today, grown accustomed to miracles, the biggest privately-made contribution to UNICEF should consist of pennies collected by our children and our neighbours' children, turning their fun into a gift of health and hope for the world's needy children. Canadian youngsters have raised more than one million dollars over the past seven years to assist UNICEF projects throughout the world. Two-thirds of the world's children are still suffering from malnutrition and disease, but, with the help of Canadian children's remembrance on Hallowe'en, UNICEF is enabled to continue its fight against the diseases which take such a heavy toll in child mortality and sickness, throughout the world today.

Through UNICEF, a single penny can mean the vaccine to protect a youngster from tuberculosis; two pennies can provide a hungry child with a daily cup of milk for ten days; three pennies will buy the penicillin to cure a child of yaws; five pennies can mean the DDT to protect a child from malaria for six months; ten pennies represent 50 vitamin capsules to fight malnutrition, and a little less than 25 pennies to UNICEF will supply the antibiotics to save a young trachoma victim from blindness. Sulphone drugs render leprosy sufferers non-infectious, ending the curse of being an outcast. A complete three-year treatment costs UNICEF $1.00. The first hope of reducing the risk of tuberculosis infection lies in mass vaccination of children and teen-agers with BCG vaccine. So far over 148 million vaccinations have been given in UNICEF aided programmes.

UNICEF carries on its humanitarian activities for the needy children of the world in over 100 countries and territories. Although this may be superficial knowledge in the minds of boys and girls who carry on these Hallowe'en collections, the basic concern is there. They know that help is needed, and they are enthusiastic in their efforts. The children of your Community will, once more, be sharing their fun this Hallowe'en with youngsters around the world, through the United Nations Children's Fund. They will be "spooks and goblins" again, as they call at your doors collecting coins for UNICEF, as well as treats for themselves.

You will know them, of course, because they will be wearing orange-and-black tags with the UNICEF emblem, which symbolizes the concern of all nations for the welfare of children. These Hallowe'en Planning Kits and Materials may be obtained by writing to National UNICEF Committeee, United Nations Association in Canada, P.O. Box 7001 (Adelaide St. Sta.) Toronto, Ontario.

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL —Eleven Mothers and Daughters attended the first Mother-and-Daughter Banquet of the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley*, held in the Church Hall, with the Vesper Service in the Sanctuary conducted by Mrs. Clare Martin and C.G.I.T.

members. Affiliation and Re-Affiliation Services were conducted by Mrs. P. Miskow, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary. The Explorer Counsellor, Mrs. Della Ranger, introduced the three Explorers — Colleen Jones, Rae Fergus, and Janice Murray — and presented their "E" pins, explaining that these signified special recognition in the Group. Mrs. Irene Jarrett, Presbyterial President, in her Address, stressed the choice of Christian vocations.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Representatives from *Alberni, Nanaimo, Duncan, Sooke, Gorge, Erskine, St. Paul's, Knox,* the *Chinese Church* and *St. Andrew's, Victoria,* attended the Rally of Presbyterian Women in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Duncan,* when Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean presided. The Rev. Mr. McMillan, of *Duncan,* welcomed visitors, and in his Devotional Period pointed out the "positive" and "negative" sides of the Christian life. Highlights of their year's work were given by all Groups, and the film "Guiana Tempo" was shown. The plans of the Anniversaries Committee were explained by Mrs. H. Warren, and Mrs. James McNeill, in her report of the Annual Council Meeting, stressed the increasing needs in all our Fields. Mrs. Young of *Nanaimo,* told of the *Lennoxville* C.G.I.T. Conference, and Mrs. Blott reported the Conference for Presbyterian Women, held in St. Andrew's Hall, *Vancouver.* The request to send clothing to *Hong Kong* was accepted. Mrs. J. L. W. McLean closed the Meeting with prayer. The *Duncan* ladies served a "Pot-Luck" luncheon, and Mrs. H. Warren, of *Victoria* presented the thanks of the gathering.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Spring Tea of this Presbyterial was held in West Point Gray Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* Guests were received by Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Jackson and Mrs. Allott, and the enjoyable Programme was given by Mrs. Russell Self, Mrs. David Hayward, Mrs. L. Harrison, Miss Dawn Ross and Miss Dixie Kee. Greetings were brought by Mrs. W. A. Fane, Diocesan Board President of Diocese of *Westminster*; Mrs. T. C. Perry, President of Women's Association of Baptist Women of *B.C.*; Mrs. J. N. Lane, President, United Church Women, *Burrard* Presbyterial; Mrs. C. W. Moore, President, United Church Women, *Vancouver South* Presbyterial.

Miss Ruth Yeandle, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* showed coloured slides of her visit to *Hong Kong,* when she was Guest Speaker at a special Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster.* Miss Cathy Harris sang, and other members of the C.G.I.T. Group took part in the Programme. A gift was presented to Miss Mary

Oswald in appreciation of her fifty years of Auxiliary membership.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held a Luncheon Meeting at which Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, Presbyterial President, the Guest Speaker, gave an inspiring Address on "Living Faith". The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. Nicholl, and Mrs. T. McDonald. A Musical Programme was enjoyed.

In the beautiful home and gardens of Mrs. Albert Goodall, the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held a Dessert Luncheon and friendly get-together in honour of their Home Helpers. President, Mrs. O. R. Hannah, welcomed guests, and after Luncheon a Contest and an hour of social fellowship was enjoyed. All arrangements were in charge of Mrs. G. M. Bell, Home Helpers Convener, and Mrs. Goodall, Social Convener.

Mrs. Russell Self, of the *Jhansi Field, India* was Guest Speaker when the Home Helpers were Special Guests at a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Fairview* Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver.* Mrs. N. Moore was Soloist. Many others came to hear Mrs. Self's Address, and all enjoyed an hour of fellowship over the teacups at the close of the Meeting.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — A Joint Rally was held by *Moose Jaw* and *Regina* Presbyterials in First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* with Mrs. W. G. Smith, *Regina* Presbyterial President, presiding, and welcoming the guests. The Rally Theme, Colossions 3-16, was the theme of the Meditation given by Mrs. R. Manthorpe, *Regina.* The Annual Council Meeting was ably reported by Presbyterial Delegates, Mrs. A. C. Marshall, *Regina,* and Mrs. C. W. Logan, *Moose Jaw.* Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary for *Saskatchewan,* told of the various Camps held at "Camp Kum-Ba-Yah"; the Summer School in *Saskatoon;* the W.M.S. Training Centre, at Alberta College, *Edmonton.* A good Book Display was presented by the Literature Secretaries. Following the Buffet Luncheon, Mrs. M. S. McLean of *Moose Jaw,* conducted the singing of favourite hymns, which included a duet by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. J. R. McKee, of *Swift Current,* accompanied by Mrs. N. D. Kennedy, of *Regina.* Reports on Camp plans, correspondence, and the progress of plans for the 1964 Anniversaries Celebration filled the Afternoon Session. Bible Study, with all members participating, preceded the closing Devotions, conducted by Mrs. G. Turner, of *Weyburn.*

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — At the recent meeting of the Elena McKay Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* Mrs. P. Sauers was hostess, and her three daughters participated. Beverley, the eldest, and a Reg.N., was pianist, and accompanied Darlene (who leads the Junior Choir in the Church) in her Solo; Carol, with her two sisters, is a member of the Choir, and Mrs. Sauers, with Darlene as her assistant, is Explorer Leader. The C.G.I.T. Group joined with the Auxiliary meeting, and presented the Study on the "Downtown Church". Miss Karen Hanneson was Leader, assisted by Mrs. Reg. Johnston, Miss Carol Sauers, and Elsie McDonald. A discussion followed on similar local difficulties, and the Devotional Period was given by Miss Darlene Sauers, Vera Jacobs, and Wendy Duncan. Plans were made to visit all women in the congregation, explaining the coming Anniversaries, and giving each a copy of "Goals for Anniversaries" with the request for personal participation in prayer each day. An Auxiliary Cook Book is to be compiled, using recipes from former members and women of the congregation. Mrs. Sauers, and her daughter, Beverley, will be in charge of this Project.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* held their Mother-and-Daughter Banquet in the Christian Education Centre of the Church, when a special presentation of a framed photograph of the Groups was made to Mrs. E. H. Hermanson, the "C.G.I.T. Mother", who was leaving *Regina* to make her home at the *West Coast.* Blue and White C.G.I.T. colours decorated table and Hall, and one of the members, Nora Best, gave a talk on "Love", following the dinner. A short Musical Programme was given by the girls, following which the Explorer Graduation was held in the Chapel. The evening came to a close with a brief Worship Service.

The Lily Macarthur Guild of Walter Martin Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* had a Pot-Luck Supper, with the Rev. Nyradi, a Special Guest. President, Mrs. W. Todd presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Powell, and the W.M.S. Pin was presented by Mrs. L. White. The regular Meeting followed the presentations.

The Executive of *Regina* Presbyterial held a delightful Coffee Party in honour of Mrs. E. H. Hermanson, who will now be living at the West Coast. Mrs. Hermanson has been one of the very faithful workers in all phases of Church life at First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* and will be greatly missed. President, Mrs. G. W. Smith, spoke of the many and varied activities in which Mrs. Hermanson had participated through the years, and an Honorary Membership was presented to her by Mrs. F. Wood, on behalf of Regina Presbyterial.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rally of this Presbyterial was held in *Rosetown* Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. James Murdock, newly-inducted Minister, opening the Rally and welcoming delegates. Mrs. D. Miles, Mrs. V. Candline, Mrs. J. Adams, and Mrs. A. Densley, did Reviews of several worth-while books, and an Anniversaries' Presentation was given under the direction of Misses Boyd and Evelyn Murdock. Dr. John Brent, who has ministered in the *Colville* district for 52 years, gave the Opening and Closing messages.

Rosetown C.G.I.T. Group, at their Mother-and-Daughter Banquet, had as their Guest Speaker, Miss Sharon Wiseman, a former member of their Group, who is now studying at Ewart College, *Toronto*. Of great interest was the letter read from Dr. Roy Ward, Presbyterian Hospital, *Wburu, Eastern Nigeria,* thanking the Group for their help in purchasing a bicycle for the Evangelist there.

Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Groups of *Saskatoon* enjoyed a week-end Camping Trip at the farm of Mrs. E. Holmpen in the *Hanley* area. Mrs. Holmpen is C.G.I.T. Superintendent in *Parkview* Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon*. The girls enjoyed hikes, cook-outs, games, and an outdoor Worship Service, as well as the experience of sleeping under the stars.

Parkview C.G.I.T. Group, *Saskatoon,* held a "C.G.I.T. Nite" in the Church, to which parents and friends were invited. Displays of the year's work were shown; pictures from Camp Christopher were presented; a "Campfire Scene" was enacted; and Miss Linda Vandale told of Presbyterian Church Work in *British Guiana*. A skit, "The Mutilated Middy" was given, and also a Play on "Life in British Guiana". Superintendent, Mrs. E. Holmpen spoke on the work and aims of C.G.I.T., and appealed to parents and members for understanding and co-operation. Sharon Wilson and Linda Robinson conducted the closing Worship Service.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — At the recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* President, Mrs. George Bain, welcomed the Explorers and their Leaders. She explained the purpose of the W.M.S., and their relationship to the Explorers. Mrs. B. A. Grant presented Karen Anderson and Gloria Grant with gold pins, in recognition of three years of Exploring and qualifying for their six stars.

At the morning Worship Service in First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* Rhonda Harper and Donna McFayden, C.G.I.T. graduates, were honoured, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary President, Mrs. George Bain, presented Hymn Books to each one. The Graduation Pins were presented by Susan Thomson and Judy Aley. Jo-Ann Brandon, a Junior C.G.I.T. Leader, presented Susan Harper and Kathryn Adolph with a gift toward Camp expenses, in recognition of their perfect attendance at Church, Church School, and C.G.I.T. meetings. The Rev. R. A. Davidson challenged the girls to continue in the work of the Church, and reminded the congregation of the relationship between W.M.S. and C.G.I.T. groups. All the Youth Groups of the Church attended in uniform, and were present for the sod-turning ceremony of the Christian Education Extension of the Church.

A Graduation Service for C.O.C.; Explorer; and C.G.I.T. groups, was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* when guests included Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Herrod, parents, W.M.S. members, and friends of the graduates. The Rev. Mr. Herrod was Guest Speaker; the Scripture was read by C.O.C. members, Vonnie Chestney and Donnie Mansaff; and Explorer, Betty Ross led in prayer. C.O.C. certificates and pins were presented by Leaders, Mrs. T. Black and Miss Sandra Brown; Explorer graduates received their Pins from Mrs. R. B. Herrod and Mrs. Keith Brown C.G.I.T. Leader. Mrs. O. Stapleton conducted the C.G.I.T. graduation and welcomed Explorer graduates into C.G.I.T. This C.G.I.T. Group received the "Chevron" recognition this year.

Miss Judith Smith, the 1962 C.G.I.T. graduate, received a corsage at the Banquet held in her honour, and also gave the Valedictory Address. Mrs. A. Kellie, on behalf of the W.M.S., presented her with a gift in recognition of her faithful attendance at all the Groups through the years. She is now President of the newly-formed Young Peoples Society.

At the Annual Mother-and-Daughter Banquet held in Knox Presbyterian Church Auditorium, *Carberry,* some 70 girls attended, and the C.G.I.T. Blue and White decorated both tables and hall. Mable Graham proposed the "Toast to Our Mothers", and Mrs. Ivan Watts responded; the "Toast to the Church" was given by Margaret Palen and responded to by Mrs. T. J. Haire. Each of the four Groups presented a humorous stunt; a Sing-Song was enjoyed; and gifts from their own Groups were presented to Leaders Mrs. R. J. Hood, and Mrs. A. R. Calvert, Annie Caughill, Shirley Strain, Cheryl Orrand and Shirley Rochelle. A prize was presented to Mary Lynn Middleton for two years of perfect attendance, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. J. Hood, in thanking all who helped the C.G.I.T. in any way, stressed the importance of supporting these young girls.

At the C.G.I.T. Graduation Service held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* Mrs. R. J. Hood, Presbyterial President, outlined the activities of the four C.G.I.T. graduates over the past few years, and presented each with a gift. Mrs. Stewart Cramer, on behalf of the W.M.S., presented each Graduate with a copy of the new English Bible. The Rev. T. J. Haire, in his Address to the girls, pointed out to them the great importance of this early Christian training. Members and Leaders formed the Choir, and sang a special selection.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Thamesville,* and also this whole Presbyterial, has lost a loved and valued member in the recent death of Mrs. Charles A. Watts, of *Thamesville,* in her 87th year. For over 65 years, Mrs. Watts had been an active W.M.S. worker, holding Office in different capacities; for some years, on the Executive of *Chatham* Presbyterial, and also filling the offices of President and Treasurer in her own Auxiliary. She was a Charter Member of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, in *Thamesville;* an Honorary Member of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and Past Regent of *Thamesville* I.O.D.E. Truly "her works do follow her", and her influence will long be felt by all those whose lives she touched.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Jean Bailey Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of South Gate Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* celebrated its 11th Birthday by inviting all former members to attend. Mrs. D. S. Beveridge, the first President, read the Auxiliary History, showing that the first officers were installed by Mrs. D. M. Allan, President of *Hamilton* Presbyterial, who brought Anniversary Greetings. President, Mrs. C. E. Dougan presided, and Mrs. W. A. McLeod was Soloist. Mrs. T. M. Bailey showed pictures of the *Holy Land.* A Life Membership and Pin were presented to Past President, Mrs. J. C. Bryant, and, during the Tea Hour, a presentation was made to Mrs. D. S. Beveridge, and to Mrs. D. M. Allan.

Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Executive Secretary for Overseas, gave a graphic picture of W.M.S. work in the Overseas Fields, at the meeting of the McLean W.M.S. Auxiliary of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. James Barclay; Mrs. George Dustan, and Mrs. A. D. McKenzie, Mrs. Murray Clarke, returned Missionary, told of her work at the African Inland Mission, at a recent meeting.

At the 34th Anniversary Celebration of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* President, Mrs. Jas. McAvoy, presided, and Mrs. Victor Raison spoke on "Bible Study". Presbyterial greetings were brought by Mrs. Donald Munroe. Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, and Mrs. Jas. Whiskin, of Chalmers Presbyterian Church were Soloists. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Chester Humphreys, and a gift was given to Mrs. T. B. McNaughton in appreciation of her 25 years service as Secretary. Refreshments were served.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The meeting of the Rosalind Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne,* was in charge of Mrs. D. Armbrust, and the Worship Servship Service was conducted by Mrs. Ruch and Mrs. I. Wilson. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. C. Tennier, and Mrs. L. Bartlett reported on the Annual Presbyterial Meeting held in *Niagara Falls.* An Article on "The Green Branch" was read by Mrs. Ed Smith. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Smith and her Group.

Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker at the joint meeting of the Margaret Malcolm Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and the Women's Guild, of Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Windsor.* Miss Walker, also spoke to the Ellen Douglas W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Windsor.*

The Sunshine Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Leamington,* presented to Mrs. W. Tolmie a Life Membership Pin, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodend, of *Rodney.* Mrs. H. Cleghorn made the presentation, on behalf of the Auxiliary.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Norwich,* celebrated their 50th Anniversary, the Rev. W. A. Henderson, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Woodstock,* was Guest Speaker. President, Mrs. Harry McKee, presided, and Miss Florence Akins welcomed the guests. Presbyterial Greetings were brought by President, Mrs. E. P. Winhold, and the Rev. D. B. Cram brought greetings from Session. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. James McKee, Mrs. George Tolman, and Mrs. N. C. Hern. Mrs. Kenneth Wright was Soloist, accompanied by Organist, Mrs. W. A. Stubbs. Mrs. Allan Bayne gave the history of the Auxiliary, which, at first was called "Robertson Auxiliary", in memory of the Rev. Dr. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West Territories. Mrs. J. S. Winterbourn was the only Charter Member able to be present, but three other Charter Members are still living.

Mrs. William Poldon conducted the Special Candle-Lighting Service, in which Mrs. Leslie Force, Mrs. Bayne, Mrs. Tolman, Mrs. A. Bushell, and Miss Kathryn Anderson, took part. Mrs. D. B. Cram presented to Mrs. Bayne a Life Membership from her family. Letters of greeting were received from many former members, also from Mrs. T. E. Kennedy, *Bluevale,* Ont.; Mrs. J. C. Hood, *Ormstown, Quebec;* and Mrs. Alex Calder, *Peterborough, Ontario* — all wives of former Ministers of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Norwich,* Ont.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.N.Sc., on furlough from *Indore, India,* was Guest Speaker at the Summer Conference of *Paris* Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Norwich.* President, Mrs. E. P. Winhold, presided at both Sessions, and Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. James McKee, Mrs. A. N. Bayne, Mrs. Fred Sherman, and Miss D. Stone, all of *Norwich.* The Rev. L. S. Pandy brought Presbytery Greetings; Mrs. E. G. Corman presented the Synodical greetings; and the Rev. D. B. Cram conveyed greetings from the Session of Knox Church. Mrs. Wilma Van Acker was Soloist.

The Children's Work Rallies, held in *Simcoe* and *Innerkip,* were reported by Mrs. Neil MacPherson, Presbyterial Secretary for Children's Groups. Reports of the Synodical Meeting were given by Mrs. G. E. Carman, Mrs. J. P. Schissler, Mrs. Stanley MacPherson, Mrs. Craig Aitkens, Mrs. Thomas Ross, Miss Edna Deem, Mrs. James Gribbon, and Mrs. Lorne Gillespie. Miss MacMurchy's Address on her work in the Bhil country; in Jobat Hospital; and Vellore School of Nursing in South India; where she is now Director of a Post-Graduate Course for Nurses, developed by the Mid-India Board of Examiners, was of great interest, and especially so, as she recounted some of the worthwhile results of W.M.S. work among the Bhil people.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The 75th Anniversary of this Presbyterial was celebrated in Orillia Presbyterian Church; the Theme, — "Expanding Horizons". Mrs. McClung, President, chaired the meeting, which commenced with Communion Service. A good attendance of officers was present. Dinner was served by the Orillia ladies, after the business session. Mrs. J. Jermey, *Oro Esson,* and Mrs. B. McKay, *Central Oro,* led the Devotions at the Afternoon Session. Highlights of the 75 years of service were given by Mrs. J. A. McInnis, *Orillia.* Tribute was paid to departed members by Mrs. A. C. McAuley, of *Elmvale.* Mrs. Begg, *Orillia,* was soloist. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.Sc.N., home on furlough from *India,* gave an illustrated talk on her life and work there. She left with the ladies a message of gratitude for the past, and inspiration for the future. Mrs. G. Shexall, *Orillia,* closed the meeting with prayer. Afternoon tea was served and a birthday cake, given by Mrs. J. A. McInnis, was enjoyed by all.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — St. Matthews Auxiliary honoured two of their members, with a Life Membership certificate and Pin — Mrs. David Millar, Girls' Organization Secretary, Council Executive, a faithful member for many years; and Mrs. Stuart Todd, Home Helpers Secretary, who contributed so much to binding the W.M.S. family within the Auxiliary together. The Minister, and several former members, were also present to say goodbye to Mrs. Wm. Pemberton, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, who leaves, after 17 years service to make her home in *Burks Falls, Ont.*

The Annual Meeting of Section 2 was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Scarboro.* Sixty ladies from *Stouffville, Markham, Agincourt,* and *St. Andrew's* attended both Sessions, with visitors from *Melville,* and *West Hill.* Interesting reports were given. An "In Memoriam" service for Miss Mina Somerville, and Miss Effie Weir, was conducted by Mrs. Bruce Davidson. Mrs. Wendell MacNeil sang, and the Guest Speaker, Rev. Donald McKillican, took as his topic — "The need for recruiting new personnel for the work of the Church, both in Canada and Overseas." Ministers should stress this need, encouraging young men and women to study for the Ministery, Missionary, and Deaconess work. Nigeria alone is asking for 50 Teachers, through Sir Francis Ibiam, as they feel a great need for an educated population. The Church, right now, needs 50 Ministers, 50 Teachers and 35 to 40 Deaconesses. The latter could work in large congregations, thus easing the Ministers' work, and helping considerably with Christian Education. President, Mrs. Howard Hogg, and several officers of Presbyterial attended.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Guelph Rally was held in St. David's Presbyterian Church, *Campbellville.* President, Mrs. John Shepherd in the chair. The theme was "Trust". Rev. Harold Marr conducted the Worship Service and Mrs. Roy Parker extended words of welcome. Guest Speaker at the Afternoon Session, Mrs. W. J. Agar, Synodical Treasurer, selected as her subject, "Who is my neighbour", basing her remarks on the parable of 'The Good Samaritan'. Mrs. Roy Black, *Fergus,* and Mrs. J. Schrumm, *Preston,* reported on the 100th Anniversary to be celebrated in 1964. Mrs. J. Rife gave an encouraging financial report. The film "Armagh" was shown. The evening Devotions was in charge of the C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, *Galt.* Choral music, under the direction of Mrs. F. Phillips, was sung. Mrs. R. C. Menzies was presented with an Honorary Certificate, for her many years of faithful service, Mrs. Harold Marr, making the presentation, assisted by Mrs. Douglas Inglis, President of Blair Evening Auxiliary, and Miss Elaine Smith, President, St. David's Girl's Group. Mrs. Gordon Crow of *Duff's Pus-*

linch, stressed the importance of Home Helpers in W.M.S. work. She said, "there should be a close co-operation among the Secretaries of Home Helpers, Glad Tidings, and Welcome and Welfare Departments." Miss G. Halls, Galt, Glad Tidings Secretary, urged all members, who are not subscribers, to take advantage of the special introductory offer.

A double trio from Blair Evening Auxiliary, sang, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, and the Guest speaker, Mrs. Lawrence Wynne, Victoria Church, *Toronto,* spoke on "The Power Of Prayer", urging that members should continue in prayer for the workers on the Mission Fields; pray with minds awake to the needs; and use the present opportunity to the full.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial Rally was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Amherst Island,* with 100 delegates attending. The President, Mrs. V. Weir, presided, and the Theme was "Trust". Devotions were led by Mrs. J. Craig, *Belleville,* and Mrs. R. V. Offord, *Gananoque.* Highlights from Council were given by Mrs. H. Keefer, *Trenton;* Mrs. V. Weir, *Belleville;* and Mrs. J. W. MacDonald, *Kingston.* Report from Synodical, by Mrs. T. Wallace, *West Huntingdon,* and Mrs. Reed, *Belleville.* Mrs. H. V. Walker, *Belleville,* introduced the speaker, Mrs. Paul Newton, *Whitby,* newly-appointed President of Synodical, who gave a very clear picture of the 'Family Tree' of the Women's Missionary Society. She also spoke on the two Anniversaries to be celebrated in May 1964 in *Montreal.* Mrs. G. E. Miller, *Belleville,* extended thanks. A Musical Number, "Great is Thy Faithfulness", by the girls of St. Paul's Choir, was much appreciated.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Rally was held in *Cannington* Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Francis extending words of welcome. Mrs. E. G. MacDonald presented the Treasurer's Report, showing an increase in givings. Mrs. C. McEachern, Historian, reported on the 100th Anniversary to take place in *Montreal* in 1964. Each Auxiliary has appointed a "Key Woman" to look after details. Mrs. Taylor, of *Ashburn,* spoke on the Childrens' Work. A Leadership Training School will be held in *Woodville.* Mrs. J. Wallace, *Lindsay,* gave highlights of Synodical Annual Meeting. *Gamebridge* Auxiliary was in charge of the Afternoon Session; at the Evening Session, the Goforth Auxiliary, Lindsay. Mrs. W. McCourt, Mrs. R. Gordon, and Mrs. H. Windrem sang. Rev. Stuart Coles, B.A., *Toronto,* gave an interesting talk and showed pictures of his trip to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in *Delhi,* also pictures of Mission Fields, visited before returning to *Canada.* Rev. E. G. MacDonald, Moderator of Presbytery, extended greetings. Mrs. H. Westcott, President, presided.

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You keep our faith, who, rich in youth and pride
Gave up our lives, to quell old fears and sorrows;
Till you forget, we shall not twice have died!"
(John E. Nixon)

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"AND THEY WENT TO DAMASCUS!"

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

FOR CENTURIES on end, the peoples of the world have been doing that, it seems! From east and west; from north and south; noblemen and paupers; kings and servants; holy men, fakirs, caravans of traders; pilgrims of peace; cruel robber bands; harrying hordes of war — all down the years of antiquity, mankind of every race and clime has been journeying to Damascus. It has always been a nerve-centre of Eastern civilizations, so old and steeped in the history of ancient times, and long-gone peoples and customs, that nobody really knows for a certainty just when, or what, its origin really was. So far as is known, Damascus is actually the oldest city in the world. At any rate, it has a longer continuous written history than any other city on earth — a history which is still adding to its lengthy chronicles of experience, importance, and desirability. For this old town, men have fought for thousand of years, and for this same timeless and history-laden Damascus, long the focal point of northern Islam and Syria, desire will never cease.

It is all one in the vast enveloping cycle of time, as far as Damascus is concerned. The tides of changing peoples and events sweep their tumultuous ways and are gone, but Damascus itself, Syria and Lebanon, and Palestine, and all those ageless countries of the East, change but little in the essentials of their own peoples and their ways. Damascus, except in size, and the infiltration of certain inevitables of modernity, is primarily still the same Damascus as that of which we read throughout all of our Bible, from early Genesis to the books of the New Testament. Abraham said, in Genesis, "the steward of my house is this Eliezar of Damascus". Naaman, the wealthy, suffering leper, cried out in disdain, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the rivers of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean?" And Elisha, the Prophet, "came to Damascus, for Benhadad, the King of Syria was sick, and the King of Syria sent presents to him of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden."

We read, too, in Ezekial 27 — verse 28 — "Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitudes of all riches; in the wines of Helbon, and the white wool." And again we read that "the King of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir" — that "David put garrisons in Syria — Damascus, and the Syrians became David's servants and brought gifts." Centuries later, it was as Paul, the Roman nobleman, travelled on the road to Damascus that the great light of God's vision so blinded his eyes that he was led helpless into this very city, later to go out from there as the valiant Apostle of Christ, dauntlessly spreading the Gospel of Christianity despite every persecution.

People come and go, but *things* remain — the things that people have made, and worn, and loved; the things that long-gone human hands have touched, and fashioned, and needed, as they lived the little circles of their years. Only these remain — of those ancient days! The jewels that sparkled in dusky tresses, once so greatly desired and prized; the soft little slippers, still crushed and dented by the wearing of a long-gone shapely foot; the baked clay jugs, and jars, and bowls; the bronze spoons that hungry lips have often pressed upon; the long, clumsy bronze needle that once stitched the seams of someone's garment; the round mirrors of polished bronze and silver into which some Old World beauty looked so carefully as she used her Kohl Rod to apply, just so, the darkened line of Antimony to her pretty eyelids, or touched her eyebrows with perfumed paste. I saw many of these, a little while ago, in our Royal Ontario Museum, and maybe some day you will go to see them too — those intimate personal things used in all the yesterdays of Syria and Damascus, of Lebanon, and Bethlehem, and Palestine; many like them still in use by those unchanging and imperturable peoples of today; the same sort of things which will, in all likelihood be handed down by them to their children of tomorrow. For the peoples of these Eastern lands of history, do not readily change their customs and their ways, because strange peoples inundate them now and then. Even as they came, these strangers ultimately go, but the ways and customs of an age-old tradition still go on, unruffled and unchanged.

Here, for instance, is a woman's Head-Dress, like a helmet almost; intricately made of silver coins, one overlapping the other to form a lovely design — differing, too, as it covers the crown of the head, from that which borders the face. These are Spanish, Turkish, and European coins of varying values, for this Head-Dress is very old, yet, in those same parts of Syria from which it came, many women still wear this same type of Head-Dress. There is much of family history and life bound up in that Head-Dress. It is not worn either for coquetry or comfort — it is truly the Family Bank! All the money that family possesses is worn on the Head-Dress of the Mother, not to flaunt their wealth, but to ensure its safety. She never leaves it off — not even to sleep! And, even in the prevalence of bandits and robbers, so long as the family fortune is worn on the head of the wife and mother, it is absolutely safe, for the head of a woman is held to be particularly sacred, and not even the most depraved of bandits would dare to touch it. If he did, he would not only be ostracized by his own kind — even the worst of them — but he would be forever an outcast from his own family circle. Nothing would remain for him but to get out of the land entirely!

Only the woman who wears the Head-Dress can give out the precious coins when needed. She is the complete custodian of that family hoard. This is only done when an absolute necessity occurs, and then, only after great deliberation, for this bank of coins constitutes the only family security for the future, and for posterity, and it must not be lightly drawn upon. Only two or three hundred dollars, perhaps, in our values, but their all! In this particular old Head-Dress, quite a broad band of coins has been removed at the back, so one can easily imagine what consternation must have arisen over this; what a vital emergency it must have been; what troubled family consultations must have gone on before those precious coins were finally given out!

The women of the East still wear the same types of garments as the beautifully-embroidered, faded blues, maroons and linens shown in one case, which held me spellbound. One of these lovely outer-garments, I learned, is the actual garment worn by the Mother of Jesus in Holman Hunt's famous painting called "The Carpenter's Shop." It is a beautiful soft blue, with panelled embroideries in deep dusky wine shadings — truly exquisite needlework. In these costumes, full colourful trousers are worn beneath the long "Kufta" robe, which buttons, instead of overlapping like the men's, and the broad girdles, which twist about the waistline, are always lovely with these distinctive embroideries. These women are almost always veiled, with only their beautiful dark eyes showing. The nails of hands and toes, the palms of the hands and soles of feet, are still dyed with the leaves of the henna tree, often as high as the first joint of fingers and toes. The henna is made into a paste, spread into the palm of the hand, the fingers doubled under, with the tips inserted in the paste in the palm. Then the whole hand is tightly bound with linen and left so overnight. The feet are done in the same manner, and the stain will then last about three weeks. Syrian and Egyptian women have always done this, and dressed like this, and still will till time immortal, I suppose.

They have lovely glossy black hair, and, underneath the different head-dresses and veils, it is always done in the same time-honoured-way — short across the forehead, with a long curl framing the face on either side, and the long hair at the back done in little braids, which are always from eleven to twenty-five in number. There is always an uneven number. Three silken strands are braided in with each braid, and these are ended, and accented here and there, with some bright and pretty ornament. Lots of these hair adornments are shown at the Museum, as well as many beautiful heavy bracelets and brooches, charms and necklaces of ambers, amethysts, carnelion, lapis lazuli, agates, and quartz-crystals. And the characteristic high clogs, so intricately inlaid with mother-of-pearl, are still worn by many Eastern women, although the majority wear the soft red morocco slippers, upturned at the toes.

The men wear trousers which are merely two brief legs, cut with a top which often measures nine feet around the waist! This is of course, gathered in by a drawstring, and over these goes the "Qufta", highly coloured often, made of silk or patterned fabric, and hanging to the ankles, with long loose sleeves, slit to fall back from the wrist. This always wraps across, is attached at the collar, and bound by a cotton-striped girdle. This garment seems to be of very simple make, but actually has a good deal of set design, with darts and set-in pieces and always made with a seam across — the upper half in one piece — the lower half, another. The coat of Jesus, for which the soldiers cast lots, being woven in one piece, must have been very rare and valuable. The cloth of the long outer coat is homespun by the Arabs themselves, from the goat-hair of the numerous herds, and is often very fine and soft. The Head-Dress is a shawl or scarf, worn like a bandana kerchief, draped and hanging from a flat sort of ring-turban, which is a real protection from the sun. Sometimes two or three of these flat turbans are worn, one on top of the other. They wear much clothing, you see, in these Eastern countries — to keep *out* the heat!

Practically every man, even the servants and poor peasants, if they can manage it at all, wears a Seal Ring on the little finger of his right hand. Many good examples of these, both ancient and modern are shown at the Museum. Such a ring is considered most important and, when used for signing letters and documents, the impression is held more valid than the sign manual. Therefore, to give one's ring to another is the utmost mark of confidence. In Genesis we are told that "Pharoah took off his ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand" — the final mark of affection and trust. It would be just such a ring as I looked upon here — bearing the wearer's name, and also the words — "His servant" — meaning the servant or worshipper of God.

Assuredly, the dark, imperturbable Arab belongs to a race which has survived centuries, and has maintained his own distinctive way of life. The world has changed — but he has not! In his land, crops are garnered still as they were in the days of Christ. Sheep still range the wild and rocky hillsides about Damascus, Tiberius, and Lebanon, and shepherds still pipe to their flocks beneath the stars of Nazareth. Still the Arabs trudge the dusty roads amidst their milling sheep and goats, and dawn breaks there still upon grave-faced men calmly kneeling on their prayer-mats, while camel trains wait in patient silhouette against the pink-tipped skyline of the East. They are devout Mohammedans, or Muslims, believing truly that "There is no deity but God; Mohammed is God's Apostle."

Some of their prayers are really very beautiful. They are such staunch believers in predestination that nothing troubles them very much — even death. Of this, they say merely — "Verily to God we belong. Verily to Him we return." Nothing is ever announced to be done without the preface, "If it be the will of God," and "God is most great" is their cry as they prostrate themselves toward Mecca when the Muezzin calls. A land of history, and of destiny, and who is there to foretell what the future holds for those who dwell therein!

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Christmas Service of Worship will be published in the December issue of The Glad Tidings. This issue will be in the mails by November 15th, so copies of the magazine should be in the hands of our subscribers in plenty of time for December Auxiliary Meetings, and in ample time for Programme Committees to plan for its use in the Christmas Meeting.

This year, the Service will be prepared by Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, of Montreal, Quebec, who is the First Vice-President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical. Mrs. Reid, the wife of Professor W. Stanford Reid., B.A., M.A., Th.B., Th.M., Ph.D. of McGill University, Montreal, is a member of Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and the President of the Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of that Church.

PRAYER

by MISS LOIS POWRIE

Regional Secretary, Montreal and Ottawa Synodical

"Holy, Holy art Thou, O God, and worthy to be praised". Accept the praise of all Thy children, as they come in sincerity and truth before Thy throne. O God, we have sinned and fallen short of Thy will for us. We have gone our own willful way, and now would seek Thy forgiveness for the sorrow we have caused Thee. Grant us Thy pardon, we beseech Thee.

At this season of the year, when we pause to remember the sacrifices made on our behalf, we would return thanks to Thee for all these who have given of themselves on our behalf. We think especially of those who laid down their lives in the struggle for peace. O, God, may we seek to remember, not with bitterness or hardness of heart, but with a sense of our responsibility, acknowledging that it is man's greed which causes wars to be fought, and men to die. Guide us in paths of peace. Help us to realize that true peace is only found in serving Thee.

We would return thanks for the many gifts Thou hast given to us — health and strength; food for our bodies; friends and loved ones. Thy gifts are too numerous to count. Help us in all things, the bitter and the sweet, to give thanks unto Thee.

We would remember our workers spread around the world, both at home and Overseas. We commit them to Thy care, knowing that in Thee they shall find strength for their labours, and peace at the last. Be with Thy Church Universal. Strengthen and help her. Grant, to those who guide her affairs, the vision of St. Paul, of the Church as the body of Christ. May they see that there can be unity of purpose, as there is in the body, yet, a diversity in performance, as we carry out our tasks, as members of the body of Christ.

We thank Thee, Our Father, especially, for Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to accept the gift of Life Eternal, which is ours through Him. May we be conscious that what we do for Thee is not nearly as important as what Thou hast done for us, in the giving of Thy Son, that He might die, and live again, for us.

Strengthen us, O God, as we seek to serve Thee. Grant that all men, in seeing us each day, may see Thee, and Thy glory shining through us.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

A MOUNTAIN-TOP VISIT

by JEAN E. SONNENFELD, B.A.

"Eat one before you go to bed."
"Eat one after each meal."
"Go and wash yourself with this soap."

THUS, somewhat to my surprise, I found myself high in the mountains of Taiwan, dispensing aspirin, worm medicine, soap and DDT powder, to the people in the Tyal villages. I had long hoped to see these aborigine people, but it had not occurred to me that my holiday in Taiwan would turn me into an assistant nurse to Hildur Hermanson.

As our car had carried us up into the mountains, I saw for myself that these aborigines were different from the Chinese in Taiwan. Of Melanesian-Polynesian stock, they were headhunters not so many years ago. Today, they are a gentle, fine-looking people, cut off from the world and trying to scratch a living from the mountains of Taiwan. Just how cut off they are was brought home to me by the necessity to make two trips to the police to plead for a mountain travel permit, and by the long distance we had to drive into the mountains, through seemingly uninhabited country, before we came to our first aborigine village.

But isolation made our welcome in the villages all the warmer. It had been a long time since a Minister or medical person had visited them, and the villagers rejoiced to have their services again for a short time. The unfamiliar Tyal words that greeted us could not conceal the friendship of the Church leaders, who organized the clinic and Church Service we held in each village. If we were staying overnight, or over a mealtime, we would be taken into a Tyal home — usually a wooden shack with the earth for a floor — and made to feel that this was our home during our short stay. A chicken would be killed, and we could not leave the village before it was cooked and eaten. The split bamboo sleeping shelves would be vacated and our hosts would move in on someone else for the night, while we slept in their home. We could see that these people had few possessions, but what they had they shared with us.

So we shared what we had. Far from stores, or even mail-order catalogues, the Tyals do not have easy access to soap and simple medicines. In each village we visited, a clearing, or room, would be found for Hermie's clinic. Then the crowds would gather with their infections, sores, skin troubles, or lice. I soon found out why the Tyals call Hermie "Miss Wash". Many of their ailments could have been prevented by daily washing. As we treated each person, we would discuss the preventive advantages of frequent washing. To reinforce these discussions, Hermie would tell the people later in Church that our bodies are temples of God, and should, therefore, be kept well and healthy for Him, so that we can serve Him.

While we were occupied with the clinic, the men in our party would be busy over at the Church. The night before we left Taipei, the second book in the Tyal language had come off the press — a hymnbook. Nothing had been written in Tyal before the Rev. Clare McGill invented a simple Tyal alphabet, based on Chinese characters. A few months before this trip, he had written the first Tyal book; a primer made up of Bible stories, which the Tyals had been studying. They had become so enthused about reading their own language that before we had visited all the villages on our itinerary, all the hymnbooks were sold.

Under the guidance of Mr. McGill, and the Tyal Church Worker travelling with us, the villages would gather to recite the words of the hymns, as they learned to read from their new book. By the time we were free to go over to the Church for the service, the people could read their books easily enough to sing from them. While we were worshipping together, I realized that as hymnbooks, Bibles and devotional books are printed in Tyal, the Tyals will be better able to conduct their own services, between the visits of the Minister or Evangelist.

When the Missionaries make these trips to the aborigine villages, they not only take with them Christ's ministry of healing, teaching and preaching, but they help the Tyals to carry on this ministry themselves. In return, the Tyals extend the ministry of love to their brethren in Christ, unreservedly sharing the few things they have. This love we bore with us, as we went down again from the mountains.

S.O.S. TO AUXILIARIES

If there is money in your Treasury PLEASE SEND IT IN TO YOUR PRESBYTERIAL TREASURER immediately and help us to avoid having to borrow money at 6%. This is the month to make up summer collections which were not paid in June.

E. Luzetta McClelland
Treasurer

THE NEW "ORGANIZATION CALENDAR"

As our readers will remember, the Board of Stewardship and Budget has given to the National, Overseas, Publication, and Organization Departments of our W.M.S., the privilege of preparing material for one each of the Church Calendars, which are used, throughout the Church, for Sunday Services. Since these Special Calendars could be used to advantage at Auxiliary, and other Meetings also, it is felt that our members should know, well ahead of time, when they are available.

The Calendars on National and Overseas Work, and the "Glad Tidings" Calendar, were all published last year — the Calendar prepared by the Organization Department is just now ready for distribution. On its front page, bearing the large blue crest of the W.M.S., and the Motto, "The World For Christ"; and, on the back page, giving, in most interesting format, all the salient facts of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), as "A Family within the Presbyterian Church in Canada," this particular Calendar, and information, could well be used in planning Auxiliary Programmes. If desired, they should be ordered, well in advance of need, from The Stewardship and Budget Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George St., Toronto, Ont. The cost is eighty cents per hundred — less for smaller quantities — and the number of this Organization Calendar is No. 09624.

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HAVE YOU MET HER?

That Gad Tidings Secretary of great renown
Who seeks out Subscribers, all over town?
She gets them, too —bless her willing heart —
For she never waits till too late to start!
The moment Fall Campaigns come into sight
She goes right to work with all her might,
Her smile is so friendly, her approach so sincere,
That renewals come pouring in, year after year;
New subscriptions arrive, from her chats with friends,
And the sample "Glad Tidings", she so often sends.
That's why her Subscription List, each year grew —
Her name, did you say? Why — it *could* be *You!* (L.M.C.)

"GOLD RUSH"

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

CANADIANS focussed a great deal of interest this summer on the Klondyke, where the Dawson City Gold Rush Festival opened the first of its seven-week runs (which the Festival Foundation hopes will be an annual affair). In the reconstructed Palace Grand Theatre, touring visitors were reminded of the gay heyday of the gold-rush boom at the turn of the century, and aboard the reconstructed riverboat KENO, tourists could relive the exciting adventures of the sourdough. Through press and TV, personalities like Pierre Berton and Fred Davis gave stay-at-homes a glimpse into the Yukon's exciting past.

I wonder how many of us have thought of the role of our Church in the exciting Klondyke Gold Rush story! Some of us, perhaps, remember the often-told story of Dr. James Robertson, the "Great Superintendent" of Western Missions, who in 1897 stood at the docks in Vancouver and watched the thousands of miners and camp followers embark with their gear. He is reported to have said, "These men have souls. We must turn the faces of these strong men heavenward." His appeals to the church in Winnipeg and Ontario brought the first Missionary appointments —R. M. Dickey to Skagway, by the fall of '97; Dr. A. S. Grant, up the Whitehorse Pass to Dawson City on the terrible "winter trail" of '98; John Pringle to Atlin, B.C., up from Skagway near the Yukon border; George Pringle, as Missionary-at-Large in the Klondyke area; and the other early Missionaries, Cook, Sinclair, and Knowles.

Early in 1898, the Rev. R. M. Dickey wrote from the gold-rush town of Atlin: "There will, I fear, be a great deal of sickness, and a great many accidents. What is to become of the sick and wounded if we do not do something for them? If trained nurses, with the love of Christ in their hearts, could be sent, there would be a great work for them to do. The people are mostly too eager after gold to care for the sick. I am in great hopes something will be done by the ladies soon."

The answer to this appeal has been recorded in an earlier article on these pages. The Atlin Nurse Committee, which was the forerunner of the Women's Home Missionary Society, was established in Toronto in 1898, and $1,500 was raised by petition to congregations. In the summer of 1899 the two "trained nurses with the love of Christ in their hearts", Miss

E. H. Mitchell and Miss Helen Bone, set out from Toronto, for the 4,000 mile journey to Atlin in the Gold Rush country.

When we think of women in the Klondyke, our imagination conjures up the black-stockinged, loud-voiced dance-hall Hostess, so familiar on our TV westerns. Consider the contrasting type of these two Presbyterian nurses — and others like them who were to follow to serve with Dr. Grant in Dawson City, and in other isolated Mission Hospitals throughout the Northwest. Their salary — guaranteed by the Church women back home, was $25.00 a month. Their working conditions — Miss Mitchell wrote: "The government agent gave us a cabin for a Hospital. It had a roof of mud, a floor of sawdust, and only two small panes of glass for a window. It held four cots; the pillows were made of packing that came around our cots, and filled with the hay in which our dishes were packed. When the cabin became crowded, a tent was put up beside it." Rev. Dr. Pringle added: "On a very cold night, I visited the tent and cabin used as a Hospital. There I found Miss Mitchell caring for the three sick men. The tent was 12 x 14, and had a stove in the middle of the floor, around which, as near as safety would permit, were the three canvas cots. The nurse sat almost against the stove, her fur coat buttoned around her. I could not sleep that night. In the morning I called at the nurses' home, then a shack 12 x 18 and said: 'I am going to build a Hospital.' That day the business was settled. Material was secured, and everyone in camp gave his labour free."

The problems of running a Hospital in the Gold Rush country were fantastic. Supplies, in these isolated communities, were difficult to obtain, and very expensive. Nourishing food, for example, was prohibitive in cost:— at Dawson condensed milk was $1.50 a tin; three-month-old eggs were $10.00 a dozen; oranges $100 a case and flour $100 a sack. Even oil for lamps was $30.00 a gallon.

Loneliness, too, was an overwhelming reality. Nurse Kate McTavish wrote to the W.H.M.S. in the early years from Atlin Hospital: "Navigation closes next week (October). Each outgoing boat is now taking people from the camp . . . This truly is our 'blue season' A great feeling of isolation and loneliness comes over us, when we see that last boat leave and cross Lake Atlin, but we turn away, crush down our feelings, get ourselves busy . . . "

In spite of these fantastic obstacles, these Christian women carried on their heroic work. Rev. John Pringle wrote of them later:— "The work of the nurses for one month has done more to make these people believe we have the spirit of Christ than a year's preaching could."

So when you think of the Klondyke — or if you are fortunate enough to visit the Festival in coming seasons — think not only of the painted ladies of vice and pleasure, but also of these other women, the Christian nurses, who lived and laboured among the mining camps. They have a proud and exciting story, and their lives are a part of *our* heritage in the Women's Missionary Society.

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In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. H. McKay	Scotch Settlement, Bradford	Barrie
Mrs. K. Melbourne	Scotch Settlement, Bradford	Barrie
Miss Hazel Healey	Knox, Midland	Barrie
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Mrs. Neil Fraser	Knox, Vankleek Hill	Glengarry
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Miss Margaret Volume	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
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Mrs. Frank Collinson	Burns, Rocky Saugeen	Saugeen
Miss Minnie Elliot	Knox, Milton	West Toronto
Mrs. W. J. Marks	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Margaret McCann	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto

OPEN HOUSE AT ARMAGH!

The Annual Open House at Armagh, 927 Meadowood Rd., Clarkson, will be held this year on Saturday, October 13th from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in this field of our Church's work.

TEAHOUSE ALONG AN INDIAN ROAD

by BLAISE LEVAI

This is the story of Andreas Din, formerly a Muslim priest. Before he became a Christian, Andreas was in charge of a large Muslim temple in South India. One day, while he was a patient in a Mission Hospital, he overheard an Evangelist preaching in the hospital. The earnestness of the man, and his message, haunted him for days afterwards. Andreas was surprised and pleased when the Evangelist visited him in the ward, and prayed for his recovery. He was even more surprised when he learned that the Evangelist was a former Muslim.

Andreas Din

After Andreas was discharged from the Hospital, he secretly purchased a New Testament. When some of the staunch Muslims discovered that their priest was reading daily from a New Testament, they drove him out.

"The shame and degradation of that experience", he said later, "I could not have borne alone. The Lord helped me, even as He promised in His Word." After his conversion, he boldly returned to the same city he had served as a Muslim priest. In order to support himself, he opened a Tea Stall near a crowded bus stop in the bazaar. Andreas decided that his would be the finest-flavored tea, with an ample amount of undiluted milk and sugar.

Near the Tea Stall is a railway crossing, where all buses and trucks must stop. While the bus waits for the train to pass, "Tea, and the Word of God — all for two annas," he calls, as he enters the bus crowded with people and luggage. With his portable tea tray he makes his way through the bus.

"This Gospel tells you the secret of life. It promises you peace and joy. The secret of life is contained here in this Gospel. It is nice to drink tea; but he who drinketh of His Word shall never thirst," he continues, as he waits for them to finish sipping their tea. And the expression of inward peace and gladness in his life are there. Andreas sells on the average 400 Gospel Portions each month. It is difficult to keep him supplied.

Several years ago Andreas married a convert. They named their first son "Gift of God." In faith the couple work courageously together.

Occasionally someone in the bus rudely asks Andreas: "How can you possibly do this — you who served us as a Muslim priest? Aren't you ashamed-"—

"Ashamed? No. I am gloriously happy. I never dreamed life could be so full of joy. I wonder how I ever was able to live without Christ. I want you to know him too," he tells all.

Andreas has become a well-known figure, and is winning the respect of the villagers. He is one of the many distributors of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon which with the help of the American Bible Society distributed 1,297,686 volumes of Scriptures to travelers along the road.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THIS IS A PICTURE of the Memorial Cross erected in the grounds of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, as a tribute to the graduates of this historic old College who gave their lives in the Second World War. Made of wood brought from Flanders Fields, this impressive Memorial is both unique and beautiful — as well as especially meaningful.

At the entrance to the grounds of the Royal Military College, there is a great Memorial Arch, and this was erected in memory of the 156 graduates who died on active service in the First World War. Later, this was flanked by two handsome Memorial Tablets, which, also, commemorate those young lives of a later generation of R.M.C. graduates, given in defence of freedom and integrity in the Second World War.

The first inscription one sees over this beautiful Memorial Arch contains just three brief words — "Truth — Duty — Valour". The second inscription reads — "Blow out your bugles over the rich dead. There's none of these so lonely, and poor of old, but, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold." These words, every Cadet is required to memorize.

The last War-Time Class, of 79 young men, graduated in 1942, and the Royal Military College then became a Staff Training College, for the duration of the War. When it was re-opened, in 1948, it was opened, not, as previously, an Army Institution, but as a Tri-Service College — a Cadet Training School for the three Services, Army, Navy, and Air Force. In 1959, the Royal Military College was granted a University Charter, by the Ontario Government, which made it a degree-giving Institution — as it now continues.

This famous old "Stone College" in Kingston, is nearly as old as the Dominion of Canada, itself. It was founded in 1874, only a few years after the British garrisons had been withdrawn, and Canada was faced with new responsibilities for her own defence. The Royal Military College was built on an historic spot — on Point Frederick, a peninsula thrust out into Lake Ontario, where the old naval dockyard had stood, and with the old Martello Tower, which had been part of Kingston's old defences, almost within its grounds. Some of these old Point Frederick buildings have a history dating back to 1812. The Dormitory, known locally as "The Stone Frigate", was used as a Naval Barracks early in the 18th Century.

Since its founding, the Royal Military College has schooled Cadets into Officer material, and been the training ground of Canada's top Military Leaders. Its Cadets were drawn from every Province in the Dominion, the number from each one determined in proportion to the population. Throughout the years, it has offered training in discipline, efficiency, and precision, and has laid a foundation for character that proved its worth in the distinction won by many of its graduates, both as soldiers and in civilian life. On many a battlefield, the spirit of the Royal Military College, which these Memorials immortalize, has been tested, and found sound and firm.

"Now tend their memory well
For, with the deepening dusk,
As in the morning's silent hour,
Bright honour sets each name
Beyond the stars eternal."

(Author Unknown)

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY-AUGUST, 1962

	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 5,673.20	$ 3,800.00
Alberta	4,600.00	4,097.01
Saskatchewan	3,186.57	2,556.14
Manitoba	3,318.00	4,333.75
Hamilton and London	47,152.86	44,529.10
Toronto and Kingston	39,014.50	42,519.40
Montreal and Ottawa	21,839.70	24,418.79
	$124,784.83	$126,254.19

SUMMER "EXTENSION" WORK

by MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

EACH YEAR, as the months of May and June roll around, leaders of Children's and Girls' groups, and members of auxiliaries throughout our Society, hold closing meetings for the season, and look forward to a few months of respite from planning and executing programmes. Such is not the case with members of our National Department, for this is the time of year when we reinforce our staff with student assistants, who help to carry out a busy summer programme.

The summer months constitute the peak period of immigration through the port of Montreal. Because of the busy schedule of ships arriving, we have provided our Port Receptionist with an assistant for a number of years. During this period this summer, Miss Charlotte Horning, of Alberton, Ontario, served in this capacity. Besides assisting Miss Lukes to meet the immigrants at the ports and to teach in the English classes for new Canadians (this latter work is carried on at the request of the Missions Committee of Montreal Presbytery), Miss Horning was able to assist in the leadership of the French camp at Richmond, and at the Vacation Church School conducted at Tyndale House.

For a number of years, we have appointed two students to conduct a Christian Education programme through Vacation Church Schools in Banff, Alberta, which is frequented by many tourists with their families. These workers were not requested this year by the Presbytery of Calgary. However, Presbytery did request a student deaconess for the Bassano, Three Hills, area, and as a result Miss Luella Moore of Saskatoon, a second-year student at Ewart College, was appointed under our Society. Miss Moore was engaged in Christian Education work during her period of appointment.

The other four summer appointees to our staff were engaged in "Van" work. As many of our Society are aware, we operate Vans during the summer in three of the Western Presbyteries of our Church, Prince Albert, Red Deer, and the Peace River. The Vans were first purchased by our Society to provide transportation for our staff, as they carried the Christian Gospel to isolated areas of our nation during the summer months.

For several years, two of these three Presbyteries — Prince Albert and Red Deer — have had members of our National staff serving as Presbytery deaconesses, on a year-round basis. This year, Miss Jeanette MacNaughton was appointed to assist Miss Hilda Blackwell in Red Deer Presbytery, and Miss Doreen Worden went to assist Miss Ada Wade in Prince Albert Presbytery. The first part of the summer's activities of these workers consisted mainly of preparation for camps and Vacation Church Schools, securing the necessary leaders for the summer's programme, and conducting leadership training with them. By the end of August, these four young women had directed, or given leadership, in a total of eighteen Vacation Church Schools and six camps.

Miss Shirley Dredge and Miss Anna Puzey "manned" the Peace River Van. This is the Van which each summer travels many miles through Northern Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon, as its occupants seek to provide a Christian ministry to the children and adults living in isolated communities. Most of this mileage is "chalked up" on the Alaska Highway, which begins at mile zero, in the rambling northern town of Dawson Creek. Miss Dredge, a "veteran" of the Highway, having served this same area last year, spent the first weeks of her appointment in the Peace River area, visiting and preparing for the trip up the Highway, as well as conducting a Vacation Church School for the Sunrise, Two Rivers, and Baldonnel districts.

On July 1st, Miss Dredge was joined by Miss Puzey. Immediately they left Mile Zero behind, and set out on their journey northward. July 8th found them beginning their first Vacation Church School at Destruction Bay, in the Yukon Territories, 1,083 miles up the Highway from Dawson Creek. En route North, they had visited at miles 101, 163, 200, 245, 392 and 456, where they distributed posters informing the children and their parents of the Vacation Church Schools to be held in the months of July and August. At each of these "miles", known also by the following names: Wonowon, Sikanni, Trutch, Prophet River, Summti Lake and Muncho Lake, there is located a Highway Maintenance "Camp". These camps mainly consist of a number of residences, occupied by the families of the Highway Maintenance Engineers, and the Canadian National Telecommunication employees, plus a Recreation Hall. Some of them have a school — one or two classrooms — depending on the size of the camp. The population of the "camps" vary from six to about fifteen families.

On the trip northward, the girls camped out with tent and sleeping bags. However, rain and mosquitoes made them willing to accept whatever indoor accommodation was available, on their return trip. As they travelled southward, they visited in the homes, and conducted Vacation Church Schools, Church services or Church schools, recruiting local assistance where possible. For some of the children living in the camps, the Vacation Church

School each summer comprises the only Christian education they receive during the year.

It was my privilege to visit the Van work on the Highway this summer. I was much impressed by the beauty of the country. Travel folders refer to it as "The Big Country" and truly the Creator has combined lakes, valleys, and mountains, in majestic array. Into this beautiful setting, to the pioneers of our modern day, there is a great need to take the message of the Creator's redemptive love in Jesus Christ.

There are some who would lead you to believe that Van work is a "glamorous job". The girls, who know from experience, would be quick to correct this impression. The work we give them to do is difficult, and requires a good deal of initiative. It is often lonesome, particularly in the more isolated areas, and carries the concern of bad roads and vehicle troubles, as well as the main concern of the appointment, that of teaching and preaching the Christian Gospel. One of the girls has listed as a requirement for Van work "the ability to change a tire"!

We would express appreciation to the six young women who served our Society under summer appointment. Our earnest prayer is that both they, and those to whom they ministered, were blessed of God.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

MISS CATHERINE DENHOLM, who has served our Society in Downtown Winnipeg for the past two years, and who has been closely related to the work in Presbyterian Fellowship House, began her holiday month on the 1st of October, following which she has been granted a year's leave of absence. Miss Denholm plans to spend this year in the British Isles.

MISS DOROTHY McCOMBIE, who has served in Downtown Missions in West Toronto Presbytery for the past year and a half, was transferred to Winnipeg during the month of September, and will replace Miss Denholm during her leave.

MISS ADA WADE, Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Prince Albert for the past four years, became the bride of Mr. Robert Wyllie in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, on September 10th. Mr. Wyllie is an elder in St. Paul's Church, and an Alderman in the City of Prince Albert. Our best wishes are extended to them on the occasion of their wedding. Mrs. Wyllie will remain on our National staff until the end of March next.

MISS ELSIE LEE, who has been engaged in work with the Chinese people in the City of Windsor for the past six years, began her study furlough on September 15th. She is studying at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Your Prayers are asked

—For every member of every church group, that each one may realize her individual responsibility as a professing Christian.

—For all sharing in programme presentations and discussions, that out of study may come a more definite challenge to participate in the mission of the Church.

—For all who are sharing in Chinese work in Toronto, Windsor, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria, that they may be strengthened and blessed in their task, and especially as they extend a welcome to the new Chinese, who are arriving in their midst.

—For our Port Worker, Miss Dorothy Lukes and the summer Assistant, Miss Charlotte Horning, giving thanks for their labours of love to newcomers, who have arrived in Montreal and Quebec during the past season.

—For the work of the Church in British Guiana, that the message of the Christian Gospel may be so preached that it reaches more and more lives, and that it may be effective in the life of the whole country.

—For the work of the Church throughout the world, that everywhere, in these troubled days, God's love and His power may be made known, so that men, women, and little children may know His peace.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, whose ways shall lead to peace
Enlighten us, we pray;
Dispel our darkness and increase
The light along our way
Illumine those who lead the lands
That they may make at length
The laws of right to guide the hands
That wield the nation's strength.

O God, who callest us to peace,
We join with everyone
Who does his part that wars may cease
And justice may be done
Enable us to take the way
The Prince of Peace hath trod;
Create the will to build each day
The family of God.

(Rolland W. Schloerb)

REPORT FROM NIGERIA

by MISS DOROTHY BULMER, F.R.C.S.

Time—High Noon
Temperature—82 degrees, (with a nice south-westerly blowing)

Just about now we are looking forward to late October, which brings the nice dry, sunny weather. In July we all complain that we've had enough. However, work goes on, and we just try to remember to take our umbrella whenever we step outside our house. Meetings are often washed out (literally), or voices are drowned out if we do manage to get to the meeting. These pan roofs weren't made sound proof! Agnes and I have been working jointly in our projects but have divided the work according to geographical areas. Here is a run down on my part of it.

C.G.C. (Christian Girls Club) — which is very close to our hearts, and we are happy that about 30 congregations now have a C.G.C. group. In this respect we insist that the local congregation must *want* the group and that they will be responsible for them, as they are but a part of the whole Christian family in the local church. Unfortunately, the teachers, as keen as many of them are, are still the only source of leadership, and they are transferred here and there because of so many vacancies left by teachers going on to higher education. We have a Leader's Manual and a Programme Guide just hot off the press, (the duplicator i.e.) and we have had Leaders' meetings this term to acquaint the Leaders with the material, which has come from some suggestions on their part. One group wanted a meeting on Child Welfare, so we included it in this year's programme guide. In some groups, literate and illiterate girls meet together. One group complained about it — this is the first time, but it could be due to many factors — programme, leader, the area, etc.

In 2 districts, Ikom and Abam, I had most interesting visits and stayed in the houses of a Church Sister, a Minister and a Head Master. They bath (shower) twice a day and this is most interesting, as I like an evening shower but a morning shower — brrr! Customs, customs! Music, Sunday School and C.G.C. courses were given. Also I recorded some songs and had another Youth Consultation. (These are the sessions being conducted in different areas to find out *everything* about the young people, and how the Church can benefit by this information.) Several points have come up again and again. One of them is the keen love of competition between age groups; and that men and women meet in separate groups as a rule.

In Abam, I went with the Head Master and 2 teachers to speak to the women in the market about having a regular meeting. They agreed immediately; but, who to lead them? Not one of them can even read a Bible. Last year was the first year that any girls graduated from Standard VI (Grade 8). Four of them did and they have left Abam for work. There are still places like this and thank God, there are still people like the three people who accompanied me to the market. Every other market day they are going to meet, (market day is every 4 days and they're through by early afternoon.) The teacher told them what was happening in other places among the women — the Head Master said he and the teachers would take turns helping — and all through this market meeting the members of a small sect serenaded us with rousing choruses and shrill testimonies! They stood about 6 feet away from me. I've learned to ignore all surrounding noise and concentrate on the particular noise I want to! This is a wonderful characteristic of the Nigerian. Often 3 or 4 classes in a school meet under one roof with only a screen of mats between them!

Many sects are springing up with all their love of colour and movement. Most of them believe in compromise — polygamy, dancing during the service, etc. and attract those who cannot discipline themselves in the Christian way. There are a few things we can learn from them I think, and that is their use of their own music and instruments during their service. Now that's another subject!

MUSIC. About 2 years ago I put the book, "Lift Your Voices", into the sol-fa as sol-fa is taught here and not staff notation. It sells like hotcakes, and I'm happy with it because of it containing songs from *all* around the world. Some of the songs have been put into Ibo, but the songs are sung in English by C.G.C. and B.B. groups and older school children. Now, they have a little idea what is sung in other lands, and they can make the geography and history lessons much more interesting. The sound of local instruments can be heard in many more churches lately instead of the thud, thud of a pointer on a table to keep the beat. I now use them at every lesson as I would a piano — sure livens things up, believe me! Here's something for added interest — "Harry Belafonte sounds like an old man," I was told by a student after I had played the "Mary's Boy Jesus" to emphasize my point on enunciation. They love *robust* singing and therefore Harry's voice sounds weak (this is what I have concluded). Another interesting thing about likes and dislikes in different cultures and what we are conditioned to!

RETREATS. Agnes and I attended two Retreats this last term; one a week-long, refresher course for the 12 Church Sisters, and the other was a gathering of Church workers (Nigerian and European) at Afikpo where we had 3 days of discussions, Bible studies, and fun together. The dormitories at Macgregor College were made available to us. It was a tremendous thing as we never have a chance to get together, because we're always running around to meetings and *so* involved in our work! At the Church Sister's Retreat, Agnes and I did everything — film strips, C.G.C., Music, a Youth Consultation, Morning Prayers. You will be happy to hear that a 2-month course for Evangelists will be held at Arochuku (Goldie Training Centre) at the end of this year. Nothing of this nature has ever been done for them before — at last!

TRINITY COLLEGE AND METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL (where 10 of the 19 Evangelists there are Presbyterian this year — another milestone). Agnes gave our pep talks here on Sunday School, Young Peoples Groups and Music in the Church.

VOLKSWAGEN. Doing beautifully, and now reports a mileage of 2,400. A 1,000 of that was put on during my holidays, where I swam, hiked and loafed and met many interesting people. One was a S.U.M. missionary who had hiked 19 miles one day to come to Jos for a meeting. She does this regularly, and, not only that, she has a friend whom I met who hikes 20 or 30 miles when she goes to visit isolated villages, and the friend knits up a pair of socks while walking! They are both in the 60-plus area, and are in a very backward place, (the hill people on the Jos Plateau). What a contrast to our area with its paved roads, water supply, well-dressed people, schools, etc.! Most of the children in her place have never seen a car in their life, so she said.

We think of you often, especially when you are having your meetings such as Council and the Training Centres and we keep you in our thoughts and in our prayers. May you all have a wonderful summer (or have had) and God be with you all — in your homes and at your meetings.

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VISION !

The World stands out on either side,
No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the sky—
No higher than the soul is high.
The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two
And let the face of God shine through! (selected)

SERAMPORE LOOKS AHEAD!

The young man stands in the shade of the portico of Serampore College — (Sermapore Theological Seminary) — one brown arm leaning lightly against the creamy Ionic pillar. His eyes travel across the green lawns, the beds of bright flowers, the cool trees. Beyond stretches India — his India — waiting for his knowledge, his skill, his strength of purpose.

He thinks of the men who, in the belief that the commercial impact should not be the only one which Europe should make on India, founded the College in 1818. William Carey, "the consecrated cobbler", from Leicester; Joshua Marshman; William Ward — these had seen the need to equip future leaders of the Church in India, and had offered a high standard of training in Christian Theology. These far-sighted men did more. They threw open the doors of the College to young people of every race and creed, and enabled them to enter the fields of Art and Science. From the earliest days, the standards were very high, and, in 1827, the King of Denmark granted the College a Royal Charter, empowering it to bestow University degrees.

The young man thinks of the thousands of graduates who have passed through these doors — students from Burma and Thailand, Ceylon and Pakistan, Indonesia and the U.S.A., as well as from India itself. Many men holding positions of distinction and honour in various parts of the world received their education and training in this great College, and, since 1944, its doors have been open to women students also.

These three things are not always understood about Serampore College; — 1. It is a truly ecumenical College; 2. It is not only a Theological College — it is a College for Arts and Science as well; 3. It is the only Indian College giving Theological degrees. It serves the whole Church. And what of the future? Not just this young man's future, but the future of his College, which has for so long made a vital contribution to the life of Asia?

For 144 years, the College has been maintaining and increasing its service in spite of the handicap of inadequate funds. Improvements and extensions are essential if it is to carry on its work. The renovation of the main building, and of roads; a Women's Dormitory; Arts Classrooms; a Students Centre; various items of equipment — all these are greatly needed. In addition, more adequate support is necessary for the efficient administration of the Theology Department and the Senate; for the Arts — Science Department; for the College premises; for the upkeep of the valuable Carey Library. The annual income is £16,100, and the Council of the College is convinced that the time has come to appeal to interested bodies to provide a special endowment, sufficient to provide a substantial proportion of what is needed. Under the Principal, Dr. William Stewart, a Missionary of the Church of Scotland, Serampore College is building for the future in Asia. *(Note — Under the Co-Operative Work of our Over-Seas Missions Department, the W.M.S. gives an Annual Grant of $350.00 to Serampore Theological Seminary.)*

(Courtesy of Life and Work, Record of The Church of Scotland.)

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"THE CHURCH OF CHI-OANG!"

The dedication of the Chi-Oang Memorial Church in Formosa has deep and special meaning to all those who know, and rejoice, in the spread of the Gospel in the mountains of Formosa, among the aboriginal tribes who live there. It will be remembered that it was in those "silent years", after our Missionaries had been compelled by the Japanese to leave Formosa, in 1940, that this wonderful movement began.

For years, the Missionaries had prayed that they might go beyond the plains, up into the mountains, carrying the news of Jesus Christ to these primitive peoples, but, forbidden by the Japanese Authorities, they had to leave Formosa with their prayers — apparently — unanswered. Yet, on their return, at the end of the war in 1946, it was to discover that the Good News of the Gospel had been carried to the Mountain Tribes by one, or two, of their own people. Outstanding among them was Chi-Oang, a woman of the Tarakas tribe. This new Church is a memorial to her.

It stands at the mouth of the famous Tarakas Gorge. Built on a hill, it is just beside a cave in the rocks, where Tarakas Christians used to meet secretly at night for worship. By Japanese decree, it would have meant death had they been discovered. They met "in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth", and today many a Formosan Mountain Christian cherishes an earth-stained, battered, Bible, that had been buried, or hidden in the thatch of a village home, to save it from discovery, and to save its owner from suffering, and perhaps death.

Chi-Oang was the first tribal person to become a Christian, yet, before her death in 1946, more than 4,000 tribal people belonged to the Christian Church, due to her fearless witness. Today, this new Chi-Oang Memorial Church is one among almost 400 tribal Presbyterian Churches in the Mountains of Formosa. (Courtesy of "Far Horizons", Overseas Magazine of the Presbyterian Church in England.)

(Editor's Note — Readers will be interested to know that the small book "Chi-Oang, Mother of the Taiwan Tribes' Church" is available through our Publication Department. Price Ten Cents.)

CREATING A BOOK AT THE C.N.E.

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

AND WHAT A BOOK it will be when it is completed! Certainly this was one of the most interesting things I saw at this busy Canadian National Exhibition, which in this year of 1962 reached its peak goal of 3,000,000 attendants. For this Book is actually a copy of the Bible, and away back in 1957 the everyday visitors to that year's Exhibition started on its creation, with each person who paused to look at the booth (which was sponsored by the Gideons International), writing just one verse of the Bible, beginning with Genesis.

Each person is permitted to write only one verse, and then to sign his or her name and address. Many of the visitors ask if they may then add their own favourite verse of Scripture, but this is not permitted — the verses must follow in sequence, as they do in the original Bible. An average of 400 people a day shared in this reproduction of the Bible by carefully writing a verse, and very often there was a line-up of interested folk patiently awaiting their turn. After five years of Exhibitions, and thousands of interested writers, a total of 32,000 verses has been written, and the volume has reached the First Book of Samuel. At this rate, the Gideons estimate that it will take fifteen more years to complete both the Old and New Testaments.

This most unusual undertaking is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, and visitors from practically all over the world have participated in it — Scotland, Australia, Hong Kong, Denmark, Sweden, England, Ireland, Malta, Italy, nearly every State in the Union, and practically every part of Canada — addresses from all of these are to be found following the verses written. Four large volumes have already been filled, and the fifth volume is steadily progressing.

What is the purpose back of this interesting and worth-while project? First of all, it is to stimulate interest in Bible reading, in general. Secondly it is to focus interest on the work of the Gideons International — a strong organization of good Christian businessmen, whose quiet circulating of the Bible through the years deserves to be better known. Every year, the Gideons provide some 225,000 New Testaments for Grade V students; 40,000 to 50,000 Bibles for classroom use, and about 8,000 to be placed in hospital, hotel and motel rooms. These latter editions are provided in the language of the particular country, and I have myself seen such copies in hotel rooms of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, and Mexico. In fact, I don't believe I have ever found myself in any hotel room anywhere, in which there was not a "Gideon Bible".

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SOCIAL WORK AS A VOCATION

by MISS VIOLET MUNNS

Director of Casework, Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto.

RECENTLY the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation sponsored a conference on the Real World of Women. If you listened to it, you may have noted that, increasingly, women are continuing to work after marriage. Some leave their work and remain at home when their children are growing up. As girls are marrying at a younger age, and bearing their children earlier, many will return to work for a period of as long as twenty years. This makes it extremely important that girls, now in High School and University, give serious consideration to preparing for a career that will be satisfying to them, both before and after marriage.

Christian girls and young women have the responsibility of expressing their Christian commitment in their life activities. Each must give serious thought to the path that is right for her. Each must strive to find a useful expression of the talents that have been given to her.

Some of you will be particularly drawn to those callings, that are known as the human service professions; Teaching, Medicine, Nursing, Social Work, to name a few of them. I would like to tell you something of Social Work, as I am sure that it is not nearly as well known to you as the others I mentioned. Social Work is a relatively new profession. In Canada, the oldest School of Social Work will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary next year. I would like you to know enough about it, that you could seriously consider if this is the profession in which you could make the best contribution to the well-being of your fellow man.

If I could talk to you personally, probably your first question would be where are Social Workers employed? Social services are organized to help people with economic, social and emotional problems. Many of these services require social caseworkers. Some of these agencies are those dealing with family problems, such as conflict between husband and wife, or parents and children; agencies working with emotionally disturbed, delinquent, mentally retarded, and physically ill, or handicapped, children and adults; child welfare agencies, giving service to children in their own homes, or in foster or adoptive homes. They are located in all cities, and in some towns and rural areas. Opportunities for social group workers are found in organizations such as Settlement Houses, Neighbourhood Centres, Youth-Serving Agencies, Churches and Hospitals.

There is an extremely serious shortage of professionally qualified Social Workers, and there are many positions available. Young men and young women, entering this field are assured of a breadth of opportunity in the future.

I am sure you will also want to know how Social Workers are educated. It is first necessary to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree. It is wise to include courses in the Social Sciences if possible. There are eight Schools of Social Work in Canada. They offer a two-year post-graduate course leading to the Master of Social Work Degree. This is full professional preparation. A few Schools award the Bachelor of Social Work degree at the end of the first year, but this is recognized as only partial preparation.

In the two-year course there are three major areas. (a) Human Growth and Behaviour — This includes the study of normal and abnormal development. (b) Social Welfare Policies and Services. (c) The Social Work Methods — Casework, Group Work, Community Organization, Research and Administration. The student usually chooses a specialization in Casework or Groupwork. In addition to a programme of lectures and seminars, a substantial portion of time is spent each year in a carefully supervised field placement in a social service.

Now you may want to ask me what are the qualities and aptitudes necessary in a Social Worker. First of all, your philosophy of life, or your faith, must be one in which concern for others, and belief in the worthwhileness of every individual, is basic. As Christian girls and young women, you would bring this necessary foundation. Good intelligence is required to meet the academic requirements. There must be a willingness to accept professional responsibility, and professional self-discipline. Professional responsibility is necessary not only for the quality of your own service but for the quality of all social welfare services, and for community standards, which have an influence on the well-being of people. Professional self-discipline involves a readiness to increase one's own self-awareness; to control those prejudices and dislikes, which limit your ability to form meaningful relationships with those needing your help; a readiness to develop an understanding of people, living very differently from your own way of life; a resolve to develop one's ability to search-out, in people in trouble, the strength and goodness often buried under unfortunate behaviour or misfortune.

If you want to give serious consideration to becoming a Social Worker, many people will be glad to talk this over with you. Talk to professional Social Workers in your community, to find out more about their work. Some social agencies can use volunteers, and this is a way to get an insight into their work. Schools of Social Work are very ready to discuss the best undergraduate preparation, and will be glad to have inquiries from you before, or during the time you are obtaining your B.A. If you live in communities where it is difficult to make such enquiries, write to the Canadian Association of Social Workers, 18 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO PRESBYTERIAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES:—

You have received copies of the 47th Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. It is your responsibility to see that every group in the Presbyterial receives a copy.

Please send one to:

- The Secretary of Each Adult Group (Senior, Evening and Young Women's; Auxiliary, Affiliated and Associate group).
- A leader of the Girls' Department in each congregation.
- A leader of the Explorers in each congregation.
- A leader of the Children of the Church group in each congregation.

Additional copies of the Annual Report may be ordered from the Publications Department at 50c per copy.

BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF EVENING GROUPS!

This Conference will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Ontario, in May, 1963, at a date to be announced later. The Theme has now been chosen—

"Look Up — To God;
Look Out — To The World,
Look In — To Your Heart"

Books you'll like!

YOU LEARN BY LIVING By Eleanor Roosevelt

The Author of this most helpful, and fascinating, little book certainly needs no introduction to anyone of this day and generation. She has become, indeed, as her years advance, an outstanding world figure, who is welcomed and respected everywhere for her sincerity of experience, her tolerance and wisdom, her depth of human understanding and her kindliness of judgement. One reads this book with the strong feeling that here is someone to whom one could turn for help and advice at any time — someone who has learned her wise philosophy of life by living her long years with courage, meeting each difficulty and decision as best she could, when they arose; lifting her heart to God, and seeking to understand the background of the problems which come before her, both with people and with official situations. "You Learn By Living", she firmly believes, and in her book she has tried to think-through some of the questions which confront all lives; to find a few guide posts which may be helpful to others as they have been for her. She writes of fear; of self-discipline; the challenge life presents in the insecure world of our time; of courage; of family relationships, and the relationships we all must have with the ever-widening world-families of our time. A thoroughly worth-while book! Price — $4.25

TALKING TO WOMEN By Mrs. G. R. Harding Wood

This is a book which could be of great help to any woman who finds herself asked to address Women's Groups from time to time, and it is also a book which can be greatly enjoyed in reading alone, not only for its fluency of presentation, but for the real knowledge and information it contains. Part I contains Talks about "Little Known Women" — Jezebel; Michal, Sisera's Mother, and Rahab; about Anna, the Gracious old Woman; about Ruth, the lovely Young Woman. In Part II, we hear of "Women of Personality" — Lot's Wife, Miriam, Mary of Bethany, and of the courage of Two Queens — Vashti and Esther. Part III deals with "Things Women Do"; and Part IV, "Not About Women", tells of Mountain Climbing; A House for Your Soul; and Bring The Book — The Bible. Each of these talks carries a vital spiritual message, is well-thought-out and interesting, and the prayer which follows each one is written by the husband of the Author, the Rev. G. R. Harding Ward, M.A. Price — Paper $1.05.

A GIRL'S PRAYER DIARY By Leonard Barnett

A very precious gift this small book could be for the young girl to use as she comes to the hour of evening prayer, before she slips away into slumber. It is very like the Diary, which perhaps she keeps of her daily doings, but this is her Diary of Spiritual Thinking — her little time of appreciation and realization of what it means to be a Child of God, and always in His care. It covers thirty-one days, with a very special one for Sunday. The author, in his introduction says — "If you are trying to be a Christian; if you want to learn to pray; this Book will help you most if you use it every day, page by page, as a general rule; if you use it at bedtime, take your time, and remember that prayer is an art to be learned. Now go ahead — and God bless you!" Price 80c, Paper

GRAINS OF SAND By Bernice Hogan

The sub-title of this excellent book of Devotions is "Meditations on Small Things", and each of the 60 thoughtful and well-considered Devotions has a central thought of some "small thing", through which the writer develops a Christian theme to stimulate thought and inspire Christian living, day by day. A pebble; a seed; a leaf; a star; a tear; a cup; a loaf; a flame, a bird, a child — these are but some of "the small things", which become mighty when they are uplifted in devotional prayer. Mrs. Hogan is the wife of a busy minister, has taught Sunday School, spoken at Church Meetings of many types, as well as teaching drama at Summer Camps and Conferences. Of her book, she writes — "Only small words and small ideas can you find within these pages. Yet, if you read with devotion, imagination, and humility, you may find your own thoughts translated into concepts of faith that have no limits, and no boundaries upon the earth, nor in the universe itself." Price — $2.00

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PRAYER!

"Give me an understanding heart, dear Lord —
So that I may
Be able by some thought or deed or word
To light the way
For someone who may come to me and bring
Their hopes and fears —
Help me to leave my problems for a while
And take up theirs!" (Selected)

"Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

Have You Thought About How To Say It This Year?

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A Christmas Gift of *"The Glad Tidings"* of Course!!

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To ....

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Remember, too, how broad is that definition of "friends"—the old; the shut-ins; home helpers; old members and neighbours who have moved away; newcomers who might be interested—the list is endless!

Eleven times through the year, this Christmas gift will bring your greetings and remembrance. What else can you find of equal interest and value, for one small dollar bill—little more than the price of a Christmas Card?

How soon can you start your orders coming in?

Boys and Girls!

TALES OF TAIWAN

by ANN PECKOVER

(Adapted from a story told by Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Taiwan)

"Look out, Tommy!"

The warning came too late as Tommy's bicycle hit the rock on the road and pitched the rider to the ground. Tommy picked himself up and straightened his bike.

"Are you all right?" asked Peter, anxiously.

"Sure! It's only a skinned knee."

"Well, I think you'd better come to my house and get that knee fixed. It's pretty dirty where you fell."

"Okay, Peter, but I don't think it's that bad."

" 'Better to be safe than sorry', as my mother says," replied the Missionary's son.

Mrs. White, Peter's mother, bathed the cut knee and bandaged it. "You'll have to watch where you're riding after this," she said to Tommy after he thanked her.

"It's a good thing he doesn't live by the sea-coast in Taiwan, isn't it," said Peter, as he and Tommy munched on cookies.

"Why?" asked Tommy.

"Well, you see, on the west coast of Taiwan there are many fishing villages," explained Mrs. White. "In good weather, the men and older boys fish, but when the waves are too big, the fishermen stay home. To while away the time, they sit around and gamble."

"They must use a lot of money," declared Tommy. "Do they save enough for church-offering?"

"They use any money they have left, to offer to the idols when the storms batter the boats," put in Peter. "You see, they don't know about Jesus."

"Often there are strong winds," continued Mrs. White, "and these blow the sand into the people's hair and eyes. If anyone has a cut or sore, the sand gets in there, too."

"Oh that's why you said it's a good thing I don't live there! Have you ever been there?" asked Tommy.

"Yes. The Mission Board sent a medical and evangalistic team to help the people, and to teach them about Jesus. Some women — the people call them Bible Women — took along Bibles, Hymn books, and story books."

"And picture books," added Peter.

"Yes, and picture books. They taught hymns and Bible stories. Some of the people wanted to learn to read, for they had never been to school."

"You should have seen some of the children there," said Peter. "The people call them 'rotten heads' because they have had ringworm, or itch, or head cuts, and the sand has blown in and made the infection worse. The sore spot gets a big scab over it and sometimes there is pus on the scabs."

"Don't the people do anything about the scabs?"

"Oh, they try things like plastering the head with mud, or going to the temple idol and asking it to heal the scab, or getting the temple priest to write some words on a piece of paper and paste it over the sore. None of those things work. I think they just make the sores worse."

"How do the sores get cured?"

"Well, when the medical team came to the villages, the children came to have their heads treated. The doctor and nurses washed off the heads, and then applied compresses to the scabs. The compresses must have hurt, because the sores were very tender, but the children grinned and bore it. After a few days the scabs could be taken off. Then the team put more medicine on the sores, to cure them."

"I bet the children were happy."

"They were! They were also anxious to hear hymns and stories about Jesus. The parents liked to come and listen, too."

"Where does the team get the medicine to treat the sores?"

"That is one thing our Explorer money is used for."

"Say, Peter, I bet the Explorers would like to hear that story next meeting! They'd be interested to know how some of their collection is used."

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the sum of . . . . dollars, free of succession duty, to be paid for the purpose of the said Society (Western Division) to the Treasurer for the time being thereof, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the payment.

The All-Africa Literacy and Writing Centre

(Editor's Note — Many of our readers have enjoyed, and been greatly interested in, the occasional Articles which have been published from time to time in our "Glad Tidings", from "African Features", the monthly publication of the All-Africa Literacy and Writing Centre, at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, which our Christian Literature Grant from Africa has been helping to support. This is just one part of the whole Mindola Ecumenical Centre, which includes also "The Women's Training Centre", and is set up in the midst of the world's second largest copper mining area — the Copper Belt. The writers of these Articles we have published are all natives of different parts of Africa, and all, through their writing ability, and the excellent training they have received at this great experimental project, are destined, through their local press, to exert a remarkable influence on the widely-diverging parts of Africa, which they call home. The following account of this very important Centre was written by one of the teachers who has worked there since its inception in 1959.)

"THE LAST of my images of primitive bush life in the Copper Belt vanished when the first of my students arrived — no flowing robes, no turban, no sash; just ordinary trousers, necktie, tweed jacket, with a ball-point pen in the pocket! His name was Richard Juma, and he came from Tanganyika. He had travelled a week by bus, boat, and plane, to reach the Centre. He spoke clear, careful English, and, as we ate our breakfast eggs, he told me that when he was a child, in the village where he grew up, eggs were not eaten because people who ate eggs would grow beaks! As we drank our coffee, we went over the list of trainees, so that I could learn how to pronounce their names — Maindai; Maowoyo; Tabaijuka; Akumbek; Ngaira; Ng'wananogu. We had 22 trainees in that first six months, and Dr. Sadler and I gave two Courses of three months each. Three trainees were European women missionaries; nineteen were Africans — all men.

Prerequisites for the Centre are a good knowledge of written and spoken English, and ten years of education; that is, the equivalent of two years of high school. It would be exceptional indeed, at this time, for an African woman to have that much education. The trainees were sent to us, for the most part, from the missions where they had been educated, selected on the basis of ability as writers. Some were pastors, some teachers, some worked as assistant literature secretaries in their missions. They paid no tuition, only board, about $5 a week. The chief expense was for travelling. Some of them had scholarships for this.

They came from nine different countries, and ranged in age from the twenties to fifties. Most of them were married, and had left large families at home. They all came from different tribes and spoke different vernaculars. They had widely varying backgrounds, different personalities, varying degrees of writing experience and skill. Some things they had in common:— they were simple, earnest, unembarrassed Christians. They were eager, hard-working, filled with a sense of privilege at being at the Centre, and determined to make the most of their time there. The working schedule was stiff — eight in the morning until ten at night, with time off, of course, for meals, tea, recreation, rest periods and devotions.

For most of them it was the first journey of their lives — their first opportunity to meet and talk with men from other African countries. Also, for most of them it was their first opportunity to live and work among Europeans — and to worship in a European church.

The chief thing about Africa is that it doesn't exist! There is no such thing as Africa, really. It changes from day to day, before your eyes. The overall change is, as you know, the revolutionary one from the Iron Age to the Atomic Age; — overnight, with no transition, no opportunity for the long, gradual assimilation that Western civilization has had. The specific changes, seen close up, are: from village life to urban life, from witch doctors to medicine, from polygamy to monogamy, from pagan spirit worship to — what? Christianity? the Moslem faith? Communism? Nationalism? Something that hasn't yet emerged?

You and I — and all the Africans with whom I have been associated — hope that the answer will be Christianity. But we know it is not just going to happen. We have to make it happen. And we do not have much time. Africans — all Africans — are deeply religious. They never question the reality of God. Their question is, where is He? If He is not in the stones, in the trees, in the thunder storm — as my grandfather thought — where is He? The Christians are a very small minority in Africa, and the competition betwen the different ideologies for Africa's soul is very keen.

Our trainees at the Centre were concerned above all with the spreading of the Christian message. Some of them wanted to scold, threaten, point morals. One young man told me, 'I want to learn to write about God's love in a cheerful way.' But he was rather exceptional.

Wesley Sadler needed to repeat over and over his favorite saying:— 'You can't scold people into the Kingdom of Heaven. You have to love them into it.' What we tried to help our writers do was to use simple, everyday African life and experience to convey the Christian message — that God is good. Evil is very real to the African. Evil spirits bring disaster, suffering, sickness, pain, punishment. The African lives in fear. The Christian good news is really news in Africa: that love drives out fear.

Our trainees were born and raised in, and are returning to, small African villages. They know how much fear is based on ignorance. Their concern is to do their part to drive out ignorance. In the field of health, to write clear, interesting, factual material on hygiene, child care; why it is better to go to the clinic than to the witch doctor . . . On village improvement: housing, sanitation . . . On home and family life: bride price, polygamy, equal opportunities for women, drinking and, of course, always politics. In this last and highly charged field we considered it our responsibility to try to help our writers organize their ideas, avoid loose, over-emotional thinking, document all their statements.

First I worked with the trainees on principles of writing. Then Dr. Sadler brought his twenty years of knowledge of African culture, village life, and people, to his work. He gave assignments, and we worked in class and individually with each student, helping revise and rewrite. They soon said, 'This is no writing centre. It's a rewriting centre.' When we were satisfied with a piece as English writing, the writer would put it into his own vernacular before going on to the next assignment. This was not translation. Render is more the word. In addition Wesley Sadler gave them basic training in primer writing for illiterates, so that they can, if necessary, start literacy work in their own villages from the beginning.

None of us is so naive as to believe that we can teach the art of writing. We do believe that writing is a craft that can be learned; a skill that can put a man on his feet, moving ahead; a skill with which he can bring others to their feet, moving ahead from ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, from fear, and dread, and loneliness of superstition, into the warmth of God's love.

The nineteen African writers I have been telling you about went back to their homes in their different countries — on their feet. Moving ahead at different rates of speed and assurance, according to their varying abilities, but saying and feeling, 'I can walk.' They are continuing to move ahead, keeping in touch with the Centre, with Wesley Sadler as a friend.

They are all writing, are working full time, several as literature secretaries as their missions. Several have had articles printed in African Features, the monthly publication of the Centre. One young man went from Kitwe to a job on the staff of one of the large commercial mass magazines, published for Africa in the Belgian Congo.

What then of the African Writing Centre? It is an experimental project, and it is an unpredictable project in an unpredictable country, where nothing is certain but change. And it is a living project, a beginning that has no end. And it is setting in motion forces of communication that will radiate far beyond our power to follow or to know." (Frances Warfield)

A MEMORIAL TO WARTIME PARTNERSHIP

After the liberation of the Netherlands, in 1945, the municipality of Hoogeveen honoured the part played by Canadian troops in the Compaign, by instituting annual Walking Tours, named after the Commander of the First Canadian Army, General H. D. G. Crerar. The "General Crerar Marches" have become a highly-organized event, participated in by many civilians and military groups. They are divided into a number of categories. Judges stationed along the route, rate the performances of the marchers according to precision, style, "road etiquette", "observation of nature", morale, and, of course, endurance. Prizes are awarded at an evening ceremony in the City Hall, when challenge cups are presented to groups in each category.

These "General Crerar Marches" honour the sacrifices of Canadian servicemen during the liberation campaign, not only by their title, but by their spirit. The proceeds, which are raised by the Hoogeveen police, are devoted to the upkeep of the graves of more than 5,000 Canadian soldiers, sailors, and airmen, buried in the Netherlands, mainly in the Canadian Military Cemeteries at Bergen-of-Zoom, Groesbeek, and Holten. The care of individual graves is in the hands of Dutch families, and school children, who "adopted" them after the war, and have carefully tended them ever since.

On hand for the 1962 "Marches", held on May 12, were some 4,000 participants, including individuals and groups from outside the country, among them platoons from the Queen's Own Rifles, who won laurels in the 25-kilometre march.

This year, the municipality of Hoogeveen conferred on General Crerar the "freedom of the city." In the presence of the Queen's Commissioner for the Province of Drenthe, and many Dutch and Foreign Representatives, the Burgomaster, Dr. J. A. Bakker, made the presentation of a finely-illuminated citation, and a gold medal. Dr. Bakker pointed out that, in thus honouring a distinguished Canadian citizen, Hoogeveen was not only looking back to the wartime fellowship between the two countries, but was looking ahead to the strengthening "of the ties that were formed in the past, and are worth maintaining in the future."

(Courtesy of "External Affairs.")

"CARRY A LITTLE HONEY!"

"Carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds." These were part of the instructions given by Jacob to his sons, when they were about to make their second journey into Egypt, to buy corn.

This is wise instruction, and good advice, to this day, for everyone! Carry "a little honey"! Carry it not only as a gift, but carry it in yourselves — a little bit of sweetness in your own lives. Do not be sour and crabbed, unpleasant and quarrelsome — carry "a little honey"!

We ought to "carry a little honey", for our own sake. It is not enough to be good. All of us know good people who are disagreeable and difficult to get along with; people whose lives conform to a strict code, but are not lovesome; people who have *strength* of character, yet are without *grace* of character. The pillars in Solomon's Temple, we are told, were crowned with beautiful lily-work. There are people who are pillars of strength, without the lily-work; they possess the strength which impresses, but they lack the beauty which adorns. John Wesley, the great Evangelist and joyous Christian, once said, "Sour godliness is the Devil's religion!" Pharisaism has been defined as "morality gone sour." On the other hand, if we carry "a little honey", enough to put sweetness into our own lives, and to lend sweetness to other lives we touch, we shall find it, indeed, a saving grace — the springs of life will be sweetened, and we shall be saved from becoming embittered by any adverse circumstances, or experience.

We should carry "a little honey" for the sake of others — the honey, for example, of *encouragement*. How sorely and urgently people do need encouragement! Some are carrying heavy burdens; some are weary of their failures; some have sown in tears, but have never known the joy of any harvest; for some the fight has been hard and long, with never a hint of victory. Enough, and more than enough, is dispensed of the brackish draught of discouragement, and the acid water of despair. We should not be lacking with the honey of encouragement.

"Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone —
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in our own!"

We need to carry, too, some of the honey of *appreciation*. Criticism is the one talent which is never buried, and it is freely used by too many people. A Christian is known by the generosity of his praise, and his ability to appreciate good in people. There is chronicled a meaningful saying of our Lord's, when, as He walked with His disciples they came upon a dead dog lying on the road. While the others spoke contemptuously of the poor animal, Jesus said only "Pearls cannot equal the whiteness of his teeth." The one and only redeeming point in the poor beast was at once perceived by Jesus. How different life could be everywhere —between nations and peoples; in our homes, schools, Churches, and offices of all sorts, if everyone gave priority to the good things they know about people, and refused right of way to the less good!

Carry always with you as you go, "a little honey"! It can truly be the "Balm of Gilead"; the sweetness of appreciation; the joy of encouragement, which lifts the heart, and brightens the road of life. What bitter regret we store up for ourselves, if we withhold this "honey" which can mean so much in life to all with whom we come in touch, when, so easily, we *might* have shared its sweetness, and its goodness! Carry "a little honey" before it is too late!

(From The Editor's Treasured Scrap-Book)

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THE SIGNAL

by J. U. OGBU, Nigeria

CHRISTIANITY is not a European religion. Christ was not a European. Born a Jew in Palestine, He came into the world so that all men — Jews, Africans, Europeans, Asians and Americans — might be saved.

In obedience to His command, the disciples of Jesus were instrumental in taking Christianity throughout the world. The Christian faith is for all men, irrespective of nationality, race, or colour. It is for the young and old, for housewives, farmers, chiefs, fishermen, politicians, beggars and teachers.

The people whom Christ will save are, according to the Gospel of Mark, those who accept Him as their Saviour and are baptized. Nowhere is it written that nationality, race, colour or occupation is a detriment or advantage. But those who are baptized into the new life in Christ must show by their thought, word, and actions, that they are Christians. By so doing, they become the light of the world by which others find Christ. Such people will have peace and strength in this world and enter into the Kingdom of God.

Some people think that Christianity is for the school children only, and that when their school days are over they need no longer practice their faith. Some mock and persecute Christians. Some do not make up their minds about Christ. Others fall away after a few trials. Still others attempt to deceive, outwardly pretending that they are Christians, while their hearts are locked against Christ. Such people miss the new life that Christ brings to all.

Many other people have not believed in Christ, partly because no one has presented Christianity in a way that appeals to them.

Christianity has not spread as far and wide as it should in Africa, because many Africans think that only ordained ministers should preach the gospel. This idea is wrong. Christ has called every Christian to speak for him. Paul converted the Philippian jailer while in prison. Philip, the apostle, converted the Ethopian eunuch by the road side. Aquila and Priscilla expounded the gospel to their neighbours without being ordained ministers, and Dorcas, a needle worker, did not fail to preach to her neighbours.

It is known that a shoemaker won many souls for Christ. Many Missionaries, devoted to telling others about Christ, have not come as ordained ministers. In obedience to the command of Christ Himself, true Christians have always told others about Christ, going into the streets, the highways, the villages, the cities — into all the world — to teach about Him.

Can you, in your mind's eye, see Christ giving the command, "Go . . . and preach," to his disciples? Can you see the Apostles Peter, Philip, Paul, struggling through persecution, beatings, court trials and imprisonments, to carry the gospel to others? When they, like runners in a relay race, were stopped by death or imprisonment, others took the baton to the next group. This relay race has now reached us. Instead of continuing it, shall we burn the baton? God forbid!

The race must be continued if we are to be obedient to Christ. Can you imagine what will happen if we fall out of this race? Take as example four villages during the days of slave raids. Suppose they were in danger of being attacked by a common enemy. Together, they set a watch for the enemy's approach. When their spy saw the enemy advancing, he drummed a signal to the first village to evacuate. The first village drummed to the second, the second to the third. But the third did not signal to the fourth! What would happen? The enemy would take the fourth village by surprise, enslave the strong men, and massacre the others. If we, who have heard the message of Christ, do not take His message to others, we fail to signal to them that which will give them peace, and strength, and everlasting life.

(Courtesy of "African Features")

"THY BROTHER'S KEEPER"!

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

—The Canadian Council of Churches has received, from the Canadian Department of Agriculture, a gift of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds of milk powder for overseas relief? It will be shipped to Uganda, Ruanda, and Urundi, in Africa. The ocean transportation costs will be paid by the Canadian Churches. The United Church of Canada has promised four thousand dollars for this purpose, the Anglican Church of Canada two thousand five hundred dollars, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada one thousand five hundred dollars.

—It is reported from Oslo that more than eleven tons of drugs have been dispatched by Norway's Mission Medical Service to Church-related health centres in developing countries since the service was founded in 1960? The medical supplies are obtained free from pharmaceutical manufacturers in Norway. They had a value of about two hundred and ten thousand dollars. They were sent to medical centres of Lutheran missions in Asia and Africa.

—One million, four hundred thousand dollars is the estimated cost, for the first year, of the programme of aid to Algeria projected by the World Council of Churches? The programme aims at helping two million, four hundred thousand people now in the re-groupment centres who must re-establish themselves; six hundred thousand refugees from the country-side now in the towns; two hundred thousand refugees to be repatriated from Tunisia and Morocco; and fifty-five thousand political prisoners and civilian internees at present in France and Algeria — a total of three million, two hundred and fifty-five thousand needy people. The plans for aid include health, medical, social, and educational services, and the provision of material supplies and personnel. One hundred workers will be recruited for this programme, but it is emphasized that the primary aim will be to help Algerians to help themselves. The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, of the World Council of Churches, has issued an appeal for the necessary funds.

—The Service Budget of the Administrative Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, of the World Council of Churches, as reported from the recent Meeting in Geneva, for 1962, is one million, two hundred thousand dollars, and the Project List amounts to seven million, eight hundred thousand? For 1963, the Service Budget will be one million, four hundred thousand dollars, and the Project List will be increased also.

—Australia's participation in the United Nations Freedom-from-Hunger

Campaign will centre on self-help projects in Southeast Asia, the President of the Australian Committees Rev. W. J. Hobbin, reported when he recently returned from a conference which mapped out ways in which Australia can give practical help to under-developed countries. The Australian churchman said that his country's activities will include improving rice growing in Ceylon; veterinary services in Burma; flood control and agricultural training in Pakistan; and organizing a school of nutrition to serve all of Southeast Asia.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial invited members of all W.M.S. Auxiliaries, affiliated Groups, and interested friends to an Open Meeting in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* to hear, and meet, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., B.N.Sc., a Missionary in *Central India* for 30 years, and at present the Director of a Graduate School of Nursing in *Indore* — the only school of its kind which teaches in Hindi, the National language. Miss MacMurchy, using coloured slides to illustrate her Address, stressed the work which the Christian and Medical Training Centres are doing for the advancement of the Indian people. In the absence of the President, Mrs. W. H. Henry presided, and after a brief Discussion Period, and a display of Indian dolls and crafts, a Social Hour was enjoyed.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Semi-Annual Meeting of *Edmonton* Presbyterial, at *Chauvin,* Alberta, had a roll call of 71 members in attendance. After the welcome from President, Mrs. E. Dickson, lunch was served in the Church Hall by the *Chauvin ladies.* Mrs. H. G. Wallace presided at the meeting convened in the Sanctuary, and the Devotional Period was given by the *Chauvin Fellowship,* assisted by the Girls' Choir. The Minister, the Rev. H. W. McAvoy, B.D., brought greetings from the Presbytery, and the Kirk Session.

Members of *Strathcona* Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* presented a humorous Skit, "How Not To Present a Mission Study", after which Mrs. M. Bigelow, and Mrs. H. Curry, of *Westmount,* using maps, pictures, and personal interviews demonstrated how a good Study should be presented. The subject under discussion was "The Impact of the Church Yesterday in *British Guiana.*" Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, conducted a Workshop for Secretaries of Adult and Children's Groups. The Meeting then divided into three Discussion Groups, whose Leaders later reported the Group findings to the assembled delegates. Mrs. H. G. Wallace introduced each member of the Executive, individually, and Mrs. H. Milson conducted the Devotionals.

Edmonton Presbyterial was in charge this year of Camp Kannawin, the Annual Women's Camp at *Sylvan Lake, Alberta,* when 42 women attended from all parts of the Province. Miss Jessie Birrell was Camp Director. The study Theme was "Lord, Increase Our Faith." Miss Mollie Harbeck conducted the opening Devotionals, which were held Saturday morning in a beautiful out-door chapel beside the lake. In the afternoon, Mrs. Yoshi Azuma, from *Japan,* who is attending the University of Alberta, gave an interesting talk on the cultural life in Japan today, using pictures to illustrate, and concluded with a demonstration of a classical Japanese dance. The traditional camp fire, complete with a skit from each cabin, a Sing-Song led by Margaret McLagan; and an inspiring Worship Service conducted by Mrs. George Anderson, concluded the day.

Miss Barbara Woodruff, Presbyterial Deaconess, conducted the Sunday Morning Worship, assisted by the camp Choir. Following lunch, Miss Mollie Harbeck closed the camp with a short Worship Service and Sing Song. Many of the campers stayed over to attend the evening Conventicle, which had been arranged by the Red Deer Presbytery, and was held on the Camp Site.

The Rev. David J. Crawford, B.D., Moderator of the Synod of *Alberta,* spoke on "Later Than You Think", in his Sermon, given at "the Conventicle to Commemorate, the Four Hundred and Second Anniversary of the Reformation in *Scotland,*" which was held under the auspices of the Presbytery of *Red Deer,* at Camp Kannawin, *Sylvan Lake, Alberta,* on Sunday, June 24th. Many W.M.S. members were present that day.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The Semi-Annual Meeting of the *Peace River* Presbyterial was held at *Camp Oshkidi, Lake Saskatoon,* with representatives from *Blueberry Mountain, Brownvale, Fort St. John, B.C.,* and *Wanham.* The Theme was "Christian Responsibility in Everyday Living", with Mrs. Frank Davies from *Fort St. John* presiding. Mrs. Davies also reported on the Annual W.M.S. Council Meeting. Mrs. R. G. Tomlinson spoke on the Annual Synodical Meeting and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta,* led in a demonstration of the Swedish Method of Bible Study. Mrs. G. Hiemstra, of *Whitehorse,* and Mrs. F. Minnick, of *Fort Vermillion,* were appointed delegates to the W.M.S. Training School, held in Edmonton this year.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — The Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial, held at the Presbyterian Church of *Mistawasis,* was attended by representatives from *Crutwell, Mistawasis, Wahpetin* and *Prince Albert,* and Miss Ada Wade conducted the Opening Devotional Service, based on the theme, "In Everything, Give Thanks". Mrs. M. G. McKay was Accompanist. Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. Hislop, spoke about the Presbyterian Fellowship House, in Winnipeg, which is "a home away from home" for Indian boys and girls, and a great help to them as they integrate into city life. Fellowship House has been in operation over a year now, and is the National Project of the W.M.S. for Anniversary Year. Mrs. Hislop gave an excellent commentary on the challenging Film, "Strangers In Their Own Land", which follows the struggles of the Little Wolf family, in the change from life on the Reservation to the building of a new life in the City. Mrs. D. Sanderson, on behalf of the Ada Wade Auxiliary, thanked the ladies for the fellowship enjoyed with them, and the Rev. Stephen How, B.D. pronounced the Benediction. A Social Hour followed.

Delegates from *Melfort, Tisdale, Sylvania, Carragana, Clouston, Prince Albert* and *Saskatoon,* met together in *Tisdale* for a Sectional meeting of *Prince Albert* Presbyterial. Luncheon was served by the *Tisdale* ladies, after which, President, Mrs. J. Hislop, conducted the Opening Devotions, on the theme, "Sincere Prayer — The Key". The winners of the Missionary Story Contest, sponsored by the Presbyterial for C.G.I.T. groups, were announced by Mrs. S. Sharkey, of *Tisdale.* The winning Essay, written by Miss Ivy Spray, on a famous *Prince Albert* Missionary, Miss Lucy Baker, was read aloud and much enjoyed. Second and Third winners were Darlene Sauers, of *Tisdale,* and Wendy Eshpeter of *Prince Albert.*

Mrs. Hislop reported the Annual W.M.S. Council Meeting, held in *Toronto* last May, and Miss Ada Wade presented a busy Schedule which included the Conference for Indian Workers, in *Kenora, Ontario,* as well as acting as Director for the Junior Girls, Camp at *Christopher Lake,* and at Vacation Bible Schools. The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Wade.

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* Mrs. H. J. Rife was presented with an Honorary Membership and Pin. Mrs. R. C. Dunbar, on behalf of the Auxiliary, made the presentation.

The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hespeler,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church. Mrs. S. W. Gentle welcomed guests, the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Shaw, and Mrs. Wm. Ekins, and the Soloist was Mrs. John Shepherd, of *Galt,* accompanied by Mrs. Glen Ireland. The Guest Speaker was the Rev. S. W. Gentle, and in his Address, "I Have Heard of Your Faith", he spoke of the coming 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S. in 1964, and stressed the tremendous contribution made by the W.M.S. to the growth of the Church, both at home and Overseas. The history of the Society was given by Mrs. Krueger, and a Candle-Lighting Ceremony was a highlight of the Meeting. Three candles were lighted in tribute to Past Presidents; those now in Office; and future Presidents. Those taking part were Mrs. Milne Jamieson, Mrs. Donald Yontz, Mrs. Orville Delong, and Mrs. Henry Wehner. The names of Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Wehner were recorded in the minutes as members of the 1915 Meeting, which were on display. At the Social Hour, the tea table, centred with an Anniversary Cake and pink tapers, was presided over by Mrs. W. G. Hutchison and Mrs. M. Jamieson, the Tea Hostesses. Those assisting were Mrs. Elliott Tippin, Mrs. Wm. Pettit, Miss Paddock, Mrs. Clifford Aitchison, Mrs. C. L. Westcott, Mrs. Ned Davidson, and Mrs. Cecil Wigood.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliaries of *Rocky Saugeen, Mount Forest, Holstein,* and *Knox, Normandy,* held a joint Thank-Offering Meeting, with the Children's Groups also present. Miss Ada McLean introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Ida White, Reg.N., who has served in the *Bhil Field,* in *India* since 1952. Her Address was illustrated by interesting and impressive slides. Mrs. W. B. Mitchell expressed the appreciation of the Meeting to Miss White.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At the Thank-Offering Meeting of Goforth Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit,* the Rev. Inya Ude, of *Nigeria,* was the Guest Speaker. A Buffet Luncheon was served to more than 200 people.

The Mary Weatherall Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* held a Luncheon Meeting, when the Rev. John Honeyman, M.Th., was Guest Speaker, and told of the scope and importance of the work at Evangel Hall, of which he is in charge. Excellent slides added interest to his Address.

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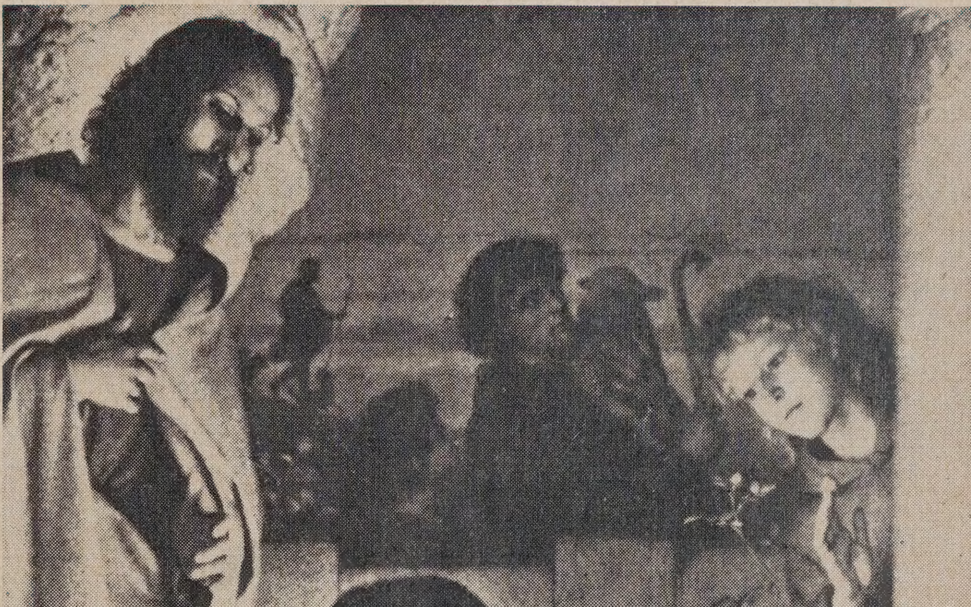

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"Give heed, My heart, lift up thine eyes!
Who is it in yon manger lies?
Who is this Child, so young and fair?
The blessed Christ-child lieth there!"
(Martin Luther — 1540)

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THE STORY OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE

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THE HUMAN APPREHENSION of the fact of Christ began in this world. Jesus was born in Palestine, and there He lived, doing and saying certain things of which we have authentic records, although they are very brief. We believe that the birth, and the death, of Jesus are inextricably joined. The one cannot be explained without the other. This was God, in human form, revealing Himself perfectly, so that all men might know Him in terms that all can understand. The infant hands, eventually, were nailed to a cross, that men might know the way of redeeming, sacrificial love.

One of the glories of Christianity is that it was given to men, in the course of human history. One of the greatest events in the course of Christian Faith is the rediscovery that Jesus Christ was a *real* man. He stands on this common earth, no longer removed from humanity, and no less Divine because of that. His behaviour is human behaviour. The first step in becoming a Christian should be in familiarizing one's self with the records of Jesus' life in the New Testament, until His ideals, principles, and ways of thinking become real and familiar.

A second step might be in noting the influence of this real life upon the best people in history, and upon contemporaries known to one's self. These people have the firm conviction that God, Himself, had done this tremendous thing with a definite purpose — "that God was, in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself." It did not just happen. The supreme emphasis of the Gospel is that God has taken the initiative in acting on the life of men, and that this initiative is continually renewed, through the channel of faith, for the rescue of a humanity incapable of rescuing itself. This is not a theory. It is an historic, observable fact. Christianity is a practical religion, based in human experience.

After the birth of Christ, and the development of the faith which He engendered, transformations occurred in the Graeco-Roman world. Hideous cesspools of crime and vice, in wicked cities, were disinfected by the power of the new religion. Men and women who had lived on the animal level — slaves, who were regarded as almost lower than animals — were seized and lifted up by a power, not of themselves, and set upon their feet with a new self-respect, a new purpose, and a new grasp on life. In city after city, wherever Christian preachers went with their infectious joy, and their breathless tidings that God had come to the rescue, their hearers —high and low; rich and poor — discovered it to be literally true that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation."

These certain historical events are all part of the great fact of Jesus Christ — God, in direct action on human life. But that all-embracing fact did not end with the first upsurge of power in the first few centuries of the Christian Era. It continues to this moment. The moral stature of all great men can be measured only when we see their influence on other men. This is supremely true of Christ. We can understand the Gospel record only when we see Jesus' influence on men and women around us, and, above all, when we can see His spirit influencing the depths of our own personalities.

The unique power of Christ, to change the lives of those who accept Him, is the most characteristic feature of the Faith which began in Bethlehem, nearly 2,000 years ago. The influence on those who lived with Him is clearly recorded, and that influence continued after His departure, and became identified as the Holy Spirit of God. What a change occurred in most of those lives — the greedy tax-collector, Matthew; the quarrelsome sons of Zebedee; the impetuous Peter, whose narrow Judaism was changed to the point of the breaking down of all barriers! And Paul, the bigoted Rabbi and Pharisee, whose mighty intellect and tremendous energy were set in completely new channels!

These changed lives, as well as all those in succeeding years, have been for the good of men. They have provided power for the best moral achievement. The conquest of evil, by complete dependence on a power greater than one's self, is the mark of a Christian. This produces the humility of the Christian. He is convinced that his highest attainment falls hopelessly short of what is required of him. This, of course, is the antithesis of the humanism which continually has had its way with millions of people, and which today is exceedingly prominent. With all his humility, the Christian has a tremendous sense of freedom, because he has given himself to God, and knows that the *only* free man is God's man. This is part of the great universal experience that, when a man gives himself to the Spirit of Christ, God does things. The records of the mission work of the Church provide modern examples of this tremendous fact. The Spirit of Christ still is potent.

Can we select any elements in Christian Faith which make it such a creative power? I believe we can. The first would be Jesus' certainty, and the certainty of those who believe in Him — that life on earth is merely a tiny fragment of a vaster whole. The real background of earthly existence is the eternal world. In the eternal world, we shall look on reality, and know God, who is goodness, truth, and beauty. This is one of the greatest requirements of our time, which is so engrossed in physical and material things that we seem to have lost entirely the sense of the eternal, and the supernatural. Christianity cannot be understood, much less explained, without a deep sense of the supernatural in life.

The second element in Christian Faith, which provides creative power, is that in this eternal background, providing meaning to life, is God. We believe in a personal God — a Being, Who thinks, feels, and wills — Who, in Christ, has established a personal relationship with every believer, and Who has a definite purpose for His creation, and for every human being in it; Whose purpose is supremely the conquest of evil, and the establishment of righteousness. This involves human relationships, and human progress and welfare. At His birth, Jesus was hailed with the song—"Peace on earth, good-will to men."

So, every noble ideal and purpose, which moves and possesses the soul of man, is from God. At the heart of things are the eternal verities — the goals of goodness; the terms of justice and righteousness upon which the peace of the world shall be established.

Jesus believed in this kind of a personal God, the Father of all mankind, whose purpose of love embraces the whole world, as well as every individual person. Jesus invites men to share that conviction with Him, and to give themselves to its implications in every relationship of life, not for what men may get from such a faith, but simply because it is the truth. The birth, the cross, the resurrection — all that preceded, and all the grace that has followed, are one — the story of God's great love for sinful man!

PRAYER

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O God, our Father, at this season of special thanksgiving for the gift of Thy Son, Jesus our Saviour, we worship Thee in humility, but in sincerity. Like the adoring hosts of that distant first Christmas, we bow before Thee to affirm our faith in Thee, the Triune God, to meditate afresh on the implications of Jesus' birth for us, and to refresh ourselves in the outflowing power of Thy Holy Spirit.

We thank Thee that Jesus' coming to earth revealed Thy love for mankind. We thank Thee that Thou hast used Thy people to proclaim that love around the earth, so that, at this season, those who trust in Thee are united with us, as Thy Name is praised in many lands. We thank Thee that Thy Word says "Whosoever believeth", and thus no one is denied fellowship with Thee, except by the limit of personal desire.

As we bring to Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we are conscious that there is also need for our confession. Thou hast blessed us in many ways, but our love to Thee has often been lukewarm. We have been indifferent, to those whose lives would be enriched by the little extras in service that we could have performed. How often, O God, we have failed to use our minds, our eyes, our ears, our hands, and our feet, to honour Thee, when opportunity offered. Our prayer now is that Thou wilt forgive us for sins of omission and commission. Wilt Thou help us in the days ahead, to love Thee with wholehearted devotion and growing delight. May we never decline, or turn away from, the path of obedience.

Our Father, for a brief period this month there will be a lessening of tension in National and International fields. We beseech Thee that Thou wilt help leaders of the Nations to see that what happens now could continue to happen, if He, Whose birth we remember, were given His rightful place. Grant that selfishness, greed, passions, and fears, may be replaced by the fruits of the Spirit, because men are prepared to honour Thee as they should. Cause the words "Peace on earth, good will to man" to be more than phrases emphasized at Christmas. O Lord, touch the hearts of those who have more than they need, so that they will be constrained to share liberally with those who are homeless and friendless, hungry, and sick, and poor. At this season of cheer, may Thy touch be felt, in a special way, by the depressed and the discouraged. Grant to Thy people, everywhere, power equal to their tasks. May these words be the desire of our hearts now and always:—

"Lord, I am like the mistletoe
Which has no root, and cannot grow
Or prosper, but by that same tree
It clings about; so I, by Thee."

We come to Thee in the Name of Him Who was born in a manger, lived His days on earth in service to men and to Thee, and Who demonstrated the ultimate in giving, in offering His life that men might have eternal life — in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

"BECAUSE THE MANGER WAS THERE!"

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

(In this perceptively-written contribution to the Christmas message of our December issue, Miss Reith presents a great truth to all of us, quite unconsciously revealed by the little Indian girl — the great importance and significance of having in our lives "a place made ready to receive God's gift." Our Cover Picture, which is a reproduction of the well-known painting "Holy Night," by the Artist C. Mueler, beautifully illustrates Miss Reith's article.)

DURING THE weeks before Christmas, the primary teacher in one of our Indian Residential Schools had told the Christmas Story many times, and by various methods, to the dark-eyed children in her class. Like all little children, they loved to hear stories; they enjoyed making pictures to illustrate the story, and skillfully put together cardboard replicas of the manger scene, the shepherds, and the wise men. Now Christmas Day was almost here, and the teacher wondered just how much of all that had been told, and shown, had been understood by her little friends. She decided she would ask some questions. The answers came readily to those asked about the shepherds and the wise men who had come to Bethlehem. Then, wondering if they remembered anything of the background of the event, she asked "Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?" For a few minutes there was silence, then solemnly and thoughtfully, one little girl answered —"Because the manger was there!" This, of course, was not the answer expected, but the more one thinks about that answer the more significance it has.

In the Bible account, we read the plain factual necessity behind the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem — a decree had gone out from Caesar Augustus, "that all the world should be taxed." The story continues —"and all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

In those verses, grown-ups, with an accurate knowledge of the Bible story, would have found the answer to the teacher's question. To the child this information meant nothing; to her it was of no interest, or importance. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem — "because the manger was there!"

Unknowingly, but perhaps with the uncanny perception of little children, the little Indian girl, in her apparently simple answer, expressed a great truth.

"How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls *will receive Him,* still
The dear Christ enters in."

"The manger was there" — a place ready to receive God's gift. Without a doubt, Mary and Joseph would not have chosen to make the journey to Bethlehem at that particular time. Necessity demanded it; so they went. But behind that necessity was God. God allowed that necessity to be at that particular time. He led those, whom He had chosen as parents for His Son, to that lowly place that was to be forever sacred because it was ready to receive the Christ Child.

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night."

How often those who are entrusted with the message of God's love are led, through some necessity, to places where they might not choose to go. Then they find that in that place are humble hearts, ready to receive God's gift.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel."

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1962

Receipts

SYNODICAL GIVINGS:	1961	1962
British Columbia	$ 5,673.20	$ 5,200.00
Alberta	4,600.00	5,097.01
Saskatchewan	3,846.67	2,751.14
Manitoba	4,368.00	4,333.75
Hamilton and London	54,654.11	46,229.60
Toronto and Kingston	48,698.00	48,971.35
Montreal and Ottawa	26,561.70	27,815.79
	$148,401.68	$140,398.64
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	8,417.31	5,351.30
	$156,818.99	$145,749.94

Disbursements

National Missions (including new work)	$ 84,688.29
Overseas Missions (including new work)	110,095.56
Organization	34,005.03
Publications	11,247.07
Administration	21,099.89
Insurance and Taxes	1,256.81
Students	2,275.00
Christian Literature	7,400.00
Grants	1,419.76
Synodical Grants	1,242.90
Council Meeting	4,885.76
Visual Education	8.75
Medical Insurance for Staff	1,611.25
General Contingency	568.51
	$281,804.58
Payments from Individual Gifts	2,003.94
	$283,808.52

A NEW APPROACH FOR TRAINING LEADERS

by MISS MERLE McGOWAN,
Georgetown, British Guiana

AN OFT-QUOTED TEXT applies very well to our Christian Education Programme in British Guiana — "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers unto his harvest."

The aim of the Presbytery of Guiana is to place one trained Deaconess in every parish; to promote and build up a Christian Education Programme. The Presbytery is divided into ten parishes, and at the present time we have four trained Deaconesses working in the Presbytery. Last year the Presbytery expressed the wish that another group of girls be trained as Deaconesses. Accordingly, last October, under the leadership of Miss Margaret Ramsay, eight Guianese girls began to take a Training Course, to equip them for the role of leaders in Christian Education in the Guiana Presbyterian Church.

October, November, and December, were spent in classes in

Deaconesses in training, British Guiana.

Georgetown. The classes were taken by Miss Ramsay, Rev. A. S. MacDonald, Rev. D. Murphy, Rev. G. Sukhdeo and myself, although I didn't do any teaching until November. We attempted to give the girls a foundation in Biblical knowledge, Christian Doctrine, Christian Education and Music. Our schedule is set up so that we have four hours of lectures a day. While the girls are in Georgetown, we have assigned them work in Sunday Schools around, and in, the city.

In the period from January to March, 1962, the girls were sent out to do practical work under the guidance of the four graduate Deaconesses — Miss Eileen Budhoo, Miss Saintalene Ghhangur, Miss Genevieve Persaud, Mrs. Helena Singh, and Miss Ramsay and myself. This was a time of getting the girls acquainted with work they would be expected to do, as Deaconesses in the Church. We attempted to have them work along with the Sunday School teachers, with the Presidents of the Women's Groups, and with the leaders of the Youth Groups, rather than take over the role of leader. We also encouraged them to visit in the homes, and to make contact with the people of the Church. At Easter time they came back to Georgetown, for a month of evaluation of their work on the field, and further study. Then again they went out to work in the various Churches for three months.

It is a year now since this Training Programme got under way, and the girls are in class in Georgetown for another three months. They will not complete the course set out by the Committee on Deaconess Training, and be recommended for appointment by Presbytery, till next September. Between now and then, the girls will have a further period of work in the Churches, and further instruction in class. We have the same reason for losing our Deaconesses as is prevalent in Canada. So we may have eight graduating, but we may not have eight working full-time in the Church for very long.

Maybe you would like to know something about these eight girls, their names and where they are from — Noreen Tyman and Eunice Bascom from Berbice; Ruby Kanhai, Esther Sukhu, Charlotte Samaroo, and Joyce Ramkhellawan, from Demerara; Grace Persaud and Amy Parsaud, from Essequibo. All, except one, of the girls have been raised in Christian homes. They have all come up through Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Bible Clubs, and Women's Groups, and are communicant members of the Guiana Presbyterian Church. They all have their Primary Education, which is equivalent to our Public School. Some have tried a few subjects in Secondary School, but Secondary School education is not available to all in British Guiana, nor is it free. It is still our hope to be able to have girls with Secondary Education apply for work in the Church, and to be able to supply them with an adequate training course in Christian Education. We trust that from this class the number of our trained Deaconesses will be increased, and the work of the children, youth, and adults will go forward.

It is a tremendous task to attempt to have trained leaders in our Church in British Guiana. We need strong leaders, who will build up the lay people of the Church, so that the Church people, will take the responsibility of teaching in the Sunday School, leading in the Youth groups, leading and directing in the adult work. We hope that your prayers, understanding, and sympathy, are with the whole Guiana Presbyterian Church, as it reaches out to a new day.

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RETIREMENT OF TWO OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg. N.

Miss Simpson has served on our overseas staff for thirty-five years. In those years she has done a number of tasks in India.

Her first appointment was to Jhansi, where she served as Nurse-Evangelist. She served as Nursing Superintendent at Landour University Hospital, in the hill station where the language school is located, where the Missionaries' children go to school, and where Missionaries often spend their vacation. While she was serving in the Jhansi field, Miss Simpson was called upon to look after several Missionaries who were seriously ill in India. She was asked to accompany two of these back to Canada.

In 1950, the Women's Missionary Society (W. D.) was asked to make Miss Simpson available for work in Jobat, in the Bhil field. At that time, Jobat Hospital faced the possibility of closing. Miss Simpson responded to this call as to every other — giving to it all her ability and the devotion of her heart. She remained in Jobat, except for furloughs, until September 1962. On September 30, 1962 she set her face toward Canada, leaving her Missionary service in India.

It is impossible to think of our

work in India without Lily Simpson — indeed there is no need to do so. There are many to whom she has given the evidence of her Christian faith. Of these, there are those who are following in her steps of service. Her witness will continue many a long year — through those to whom she has carried the love of Christ, those whom she has trained, those who have felt the healing power of God at her hands.

As she retires from the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (W. D.), of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, she bears with her our good wishes, and the prayer that God may bless her in the years ahead. Miss Simpson plans to make her home in Vancouver.

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Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A.

Though Miss Macdonald is retiring from the Overseas Staff of the Society, she spent a longer period of years with the Home Missions section of our work.

There has been a good deal of variety in Miss Macdonald's career in the work of the Church. After graduation from Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, she served with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. When she came home to Canada, she was appointed to Western Canada, where she served in Alberta and Manitoba as a Deaconess. She interrupted her work to study for her Arts degree at the University of British Columbia. Following her years there, she was appointed, by a Canadian Government Agency, to serve as a teacher in Ethiopia.

Following her two years of service in Ethiopia, she was asked to work as a short-term Missionary in Formosa. Her task there was a specific one — to aid the women in building up their organization within the Formosan Church. She spent three years there. On her return to Canada for furlough, she urged that she be sent back to work with the women. This was backed by the request of the Formosan women of the north, that she continue to work with them. She was sent back for a second short-term, with the conditions that apply to short-term Missionaries. Her term was extended to almost five years.

In the years she has served in Formosa, Miss Macdonald has helped the women of the Northern

Synod to realize their organizational structure. She has completed very capably the job she was asked to do.

Now that she has reached the time of retirement from our staff, Miss Macdonald carries with her the good wishes of the members of the Society. We pray that God will continue to give her strength, which we know she will use in His service.

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"CERTAIN WOMEN AMAZED US"

NOT ONLY is the work of the women of all the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches around the World, truly "amazing," heart-warming, and wonderful, in the service of their Lord — "amazing," also, is the fact that, within the 136 pages of this small book, it can be presented so compactly, lucidly, and inspiringly. But it *is,* and certainly it creates a book which is well worth reading, every page of it!

This valuable book was prepared for the Board of Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., who invited women leaders of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in twelve of the different countries of the world, to contribute, for publication in this volume, the story of the Women's Work in those Churches of their own lands; to tell how their work is carried on; what it means to be a Christian woman in some of these lands; what opportunities are open for women in her country to serve in the whole life of her Church; the kind of Study Programmes used; the service projects supported; their special message to their sisters of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches throughout the world, wherever they may be found.

Brazil; Canada; England; Formosa (Taiwan); Ireland; Jamaica; Korea; New Zealand; Scotland; South Africa; Switzerland; the United States — the full, and inspiring, story of all the work done by the women of the Reformed and Presbyterian family in each land is told with warmth, accuracy, and insight, in the belief that from the gathering-together and reading of these informative accounts, "women in each of these Churches may learn from one another more effective ways of witnessing to Christ." May realize, too, that no matter what barriers may be erected, what obstacles intervene; the women "of the family of believers" are One in Christ, and that each needs the strength, faith, and co-operation of the other to effectively carry out God's work throughout all His world.

As members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are particularly proud and happy that it is our own Director of Organization, Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., who was requested to write the record of the organized

Women's Work of our Church — which began almost a century ago in the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Division, or Maritime Provinces, and the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Miss Reith has given an outstanding presentation of our W. M. S. Work — broad, factual, and historic — one which every W. M. S. member should rejoice to read, and to preserve for her own knowledge and records, especially as our Anniversaries' Year is so soon to be celebrated. This is valuable study material, as well, and a worthy part of a very excellent book, which may be ordered through our Publications Department — Price — $1.25. (L. M. C.)

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In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. L. Kelly	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Miss Jemima Gray	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. Priscilla Beveridge,	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. W. D. Grue	Knox, Ventnor	Brockville
Mrs. Dena Pittman	Knox, Ventnor	Brockville
Mrs. Herbert Severt	St. Andrew's, Owen Sound	Bruce and Owen Sound
Miss Pearl Luckham	St. Andrew's, Windsor	Chatham
Mrs. Milton Savage, Sr.	Presbyterian, Richmond Hill	East Toronto
Miss Nettie Kennedy	Knox, Agincourt	East Toronto
Mrs. Neil Fraser	Knox, Vankleek Hill	Glengarry
Mrs. James Doak	St. Enoch's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Wm. Elder	First, Seaforth	Huron
Miss Isabel Grieve	Chalmers, Uxbridge	Lindsay
Mrs. Victor Jackson	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. H. A. Urquhart	New St. James, London	London
Miss Nancy Weir	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. John Bullock	Ephraim Scott Memorial, Montreal,	Montreal
Mrs. Hugh Stewart	St. James, Melfort	Prince Albert
Miss Isabella Waugh	St. Paul's, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. J. A. McKay	First, New Westminster	Westminster

Christmas Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. W. STANFORD) PRISCILLA L. REID

First Vice-President, Montreal and Ottawa Synodical

Call to Worship — "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Invocation — Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to be with us, and to bless us, as we are met here to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open the eyes of our understanding, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may behold, in the Child of Bethlehem, Thy risen, victorious Son, whom Thou hast provided as our only way of salvation, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn — No. 165 — 4 verses

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

Leader — Matthew 1, verses 20-23

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **Jesus;** for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is 'God with us'."

Responsive Reading — Luke 2, verses 4-14

Leader — "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

Group—To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Leader—And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Group—And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Leader—And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Group—And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

Leader—And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Group—For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Leader—And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Group—And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying,

Leader—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In Unison—Luke 2—verse 21

"And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called **Jesus,** which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

Hymn No. 176—(all verses)

"Jesus! name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee
Bow in deep humility."

Leader—Almost two thousand years have passed since the song of the heavenly choir was heard by the shepherds of Galilee, and to-day many are asking, "Does the coming of our Lord have vital meaning in the twentieth century, or is the celebration of Christmas merely a quaint and pleasant tradition? What message has this glad season, for a world plagued by political and spiritual uncertainty; fighting for freedom against great powers who would enslave; desiring peace in the midst of war; and lacking the wisdom to solve its problems or to save itself?"

Voice of the Oriental Christians—(India and Formosa) Read by one chosen.

For thousands of years our wise men and sages have sought TRUTH through contemplation, wisdom and self-discipline, but never did they attain unto it. When Christ was born as a babe in Bethlehem certain Wise Men saw His star, and came from the East to worship Him, who is the TRUTH, THE WISDOM OF GOD. We rejoice to-day that, while our sages, following their own means, failed in the search, we, through God's gift of His Son, preached to us by the Church, have found the TRUTH which brings light to those in darkness.

Voice of the African Christians—(Nigeria) To be read by one chosen.

Down through the ages, our fathers, dwelling in the jungles, mountains, and deserts of Africa, have lived in superstitious fear of demons, voodoo, and magic. But Christ's coming changed all this. He brought light to our dark land, for even as a Babe in a manger on that first Christmas eve, He was the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He has revealed to us the freedom which men can enjoy, when, liberated from fears, they become the children of God. We therefore praise the sovereign name of Him who has brought deliverance.

Voice of South American Christians (British Guiana) Read by one chosen.

Now that we of British Guiana have achieved independence and self-government, we face a difficult and uncertain future. Threatened by Communism, political unrest, and perhaps even civil war, Christians would soon lose heart were it not for the knowledge that the Prince of Peace came to earth, as our Redeemer and King. Christ, we believe, still rules over the nations, and He will guide our country through the present turmoil, if we but listen to His voice.

Voice of the Canadian Christians—To be read by one chosen.

Our Christian brethren, the world over, rejoice with us at this glad season in the knowledge that Christ came to dwell among men, bringing truth, freedom, and confidence to all who believe in Him. He revealed God to us; He gave us an example for our lives; but He also died for our salvation; rose for our justification; and sent forth His Holy Spirit into our hearts, thus giving peace. From every race, tribe, language, and culture, He has redeemed and called His people, that they might glorify God — Father, Son, and Holy Ghost — unto all eternity.

Prayer by Leader—

Almighty God, we come to Thee, humbly and reverently, in the name of Jesus. We confess that we have all erred and strayed like lost sheep, but we thank Thee that, in spite of our shortcomings, Thou hast looked on us in mercy, and hast provided, for all who are Thine, a way back to the fold.

We can never thank Thee for all the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon Thine earthly children, but, at Christmas time, when we think especially of the supreme gift of Jesus our Lord, Who was born so long ago; Who lived and died, and rose again; and Who today reigns for our redemption; our hearts are filled with wonder, gratitude and praise. May the real meaning of Christ's birth engulf our souls as a mighty wave. May our faith, and the faith of believers everywhere, be strengthened, and, as the shepherds and Wise Men of old were led by the guiding star to the manger, so may the Holy Spirit, working through Christians the world over, bring Thine elect out of darkness into the light of Thy countenance. Remembering our Lord's command to preach the Gospel, help us, Oh Lord, to rededicate ourselves to the great work of winning the world for Christ. Give us strength and courage to publish the glad tidings, even under difficult circumstances, not counting the cost.

As the song of the angels on that first Christmas night filled the skies over Bethlehem, so may the knowledge of the glorified Christ fill this unhappy, chaotic world, bringing peace and good will to men. This we ask in His Name. Amen.

Closing Hymn — No. 248

"Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart."

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, that they may be inspired to make very vivid to the Children and Youth of our land, the eternal love of God for this world—His greatest Gift of all, His only Son, Jesus Christ.

—For our Hospital Visitors, and all who volunteer assistance in this work, in Vancouver, Edmonton, London and Montreal, that they may be blessed and strengthened in their ministry of love to those who are sick and shut-in, especially at the Christmas Season.

—For all who prepare in local groups to present the Christmas Story, that it may be so presented that its message may come with greater meaning and significance to all.

—For all who hear the Christmas Story, that each may celebrate Christmas worthily, and share its message with others.

—For the four new Missionaries appointed to Overseas Work, who are now on the field, that they may be given strength and wisdom in their new task.

—For the Schools, Hospitals, and Evangelistic Work in India, that their influence may grow, and be felt in the life of that country.

NOTICE

Before ordering Life Membership Pins, please refer to the revised price list on Page 21 for all pins, effective November 1st, 1962.

AN INTERESTING BUS TRIP!

MRS. EARLE LOOBY, of Melancthon, planned and organized an all-day, chartered Bus Trip for 31 W. M. S. women and girls, who gathered together from Hornings Mills, Shelburne, Maple Valley, Dundalk, Claude, and Orangeville, to drive to Toronto and visit "Armagh;" see Knox College; and attend the Open House and Reception at our new Ewart College, on Saturday, September 29th. Arrangements were made to enable them to do this, and at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, they were met at Armagh, by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Director of Publications and Miss Ruth C. MacLennan; Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, a member of the Armagh Board, and for the past eight years well known to all W.M.S. members as W.W.S. Treasurer on Council Executive, who was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Helen Sinclair; and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council Executive.

The Party was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Margarete Herrig, Director of Armagh, and Mrs. Stevenson, the House Mother, who showed them all through this beautiful Presbyterian Home, in which all Presbyterian women are greatly interested. Everyone was impressed by the comfort and convenience of the well-planned building, and by the good and friendly care received by the girls who come there, from many parts of Canada. Each visitor had brought her own lunch, and everyone sat down together at tables in the big Work Room in the basement, and enjoyed an hour of social fellowship — as well as the hot tea and coffee hospitably provided by Mrs. Herrig and her staff. During lunch, Mrs. Stevenson showed examples of the lovely handiwork done by the girls, under her teaching.

From Armagh, the Bus Tour drove along the Lakeshore, and through the City, to Ewart College on St. George Street, arriving just in time for the Dedication Service of the Chapel, by the Moderator, the Rev. Ross K. Cameron. Following this, tours were conducted all through the beautiful building, and refreshments were served to all visitors in the large diningroom. At four-thirty o'clock, our Bus Party was welcomed to Knox College, half-way down St. George Street from Ewart College, by the caretaker, who showed the ladies the famous three-story Library; the handsome Chapel, and all the other interesting points of this beloved and dignified Presbyterian edifice.

Now came the time for farewells to Toronto friends, and the Bus Party started for home, stopping on the way at Brampton, where the ladies of Brampton Presbyterian Church served a Turkey Supper to the Group, and a short time of fellowship was enjoyed there before continuing the trip home.

"All felt the trip was worth-while in gaining first-hand information about the work of our Church. All were tired, but able to enjoy the singing of the girls in the group on the way home" so writes Mrs. John H. Nute, wife of the Minister of Tweedsmuir Memorial Church in Orangeville, who was one of the visiting Group.

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Anniversary Corner

TO—All women in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

FROM—The Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive.

SUBJECT—The Anniversary Book

BY THIS TIME, pages for the Anniversary Book should be in the hands of a "Key Woman," in every Presbyterian congregation where there is an Adult group connected with the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. Along with the pages went a memorandum to the Key-Women, containing information and suggestions for handling. From that memo we quote information which we hope will help all of you to understand the purpose of the book; how it will come into being; and its place in the marking of the two Anniversaries of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. to be observed in 1964.

"THE ANNIVERSARY BOOK" — It was agreed by Council that the Society create an 'Anniversary Book' to be presented at the 100th Anniversary of the Society, providing an opportunity for all members and friends to join in this memorable occasion by signing the book and making a donation. It is planned that the completed book will be presented at the 100th Anniversary of the Society. The funds collected will be used to cover the necessary expenses incurred in connection with the 1964 meetings, to be held in Montreal. The expenses will be kept to a minimum, but they are inevitable, and must be met. In taking such expenses from money raised through the Anniversary Book, it will make it unnecessary to use money from the General Funds of the Society for that purpose. It is confidently expected that there will be a good response to the entering of names on pages for the "Anniversary Book," and we hope much more will be contributed than will be required for expenses. It has been agreed by Council Executive, that any money, over and above that required for the expenses of the Anniversaries' celebrations, will be used as bursaries or scholarships to assist in training staff for work in Canada and Overseas.

The 'Anniversary Book' will *not* be published in printed form. The pages with the original signatures, from all across the country, will be assembled and bound for presentation at the May 1964 meetings in Montreal. The book will then become part of the historical record of the

Society, and a plan will be worked out by which the 'Anniversary Book' will be shared throughout the Society.

WHAT AND WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING?

What?—Two Anniversaries—a 100th and a 50th. 100 years since 1864 when the Women's Missionary Society, Montreal, began.
50 years since the joining together of:
—the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal
—the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (begun in 1876)
—the Women's Home Missionary Society (begun in 1898, 1903)

Why?—To pay tribute to those who began, and have made possible, the development of women's share in the Church mission.
—To look to the future, and how all the women of the Church may be involved in the total mission of the Church.

TIMING OF PROGRAMME FOR SECURING NAMES ON ANNIVERSARY BOOK PAGES

Key women are asked to have names recorded between October and December 1962. The pages should be forwarded to your Presbyterial Anniversaries' Committee not later than December 15, 1962, so that they may be assembled for presentation at the 1963 Presbyterial Meetings.

The Key Woman should give all money collected to the treasurer of the W.M.S. group, or one of the W.M.S. groups in the congregation. The local treasurer's responsibility will be to send the money to the Presbyterial Treasurer, earmarked as contributions from the 'Anniversary Book.'

SUGGESTING FOR SECURING NAMES ON 'ANNIVERSARY BOOK' PAGES

1. Plan to contact as many groups and individuals as possible within your congregation to tell them about the Anniversaries and the purpose of the 'Anniversary Book.' Be certain to include all groups in the W.M.S. family — adult, teenage, and children; all other groups of men and women within the congregation; and individual people who have been associated with the Church or Society in your community, who might like to share in this way.

2. When a person is asked to put his or her name in the book, be sure that person is told what we are celebrating and why. Be sure to tell about the work for which the Society is responsible.

3. Two types of pages are provided — the 'Regular' page and the 'In Remembrance' page.

(a) Regular Pages — are provided for recording names as outlined in point 1 (above). Enter the name of your congregation and place on the lines indicated. It has been suggested that:

$1.00 be donated for each adult name recorded

.25 for the name of a teenager
.10 for the name of a child up to 12 years of age

This is by no means mandatory — some might want to contribute more than these amounts; others may not be in a position to donate these amounts. No one should be prevented from recording a name because of inability to donate. This is a matter which must be left in the hands of those in charge of having names recorded.

(b) "In Remembrance" Pages — are provided for recording the names of those no longer living, whom their friends, relatives, or a group, may wish to honour. The same person may be remembered by several people, resulting in duplication of names. This is quite acceptable. Donations for entries on these pages may vary. All donations of any size will be welcome. The names are to be hand-written by the person contributing, using a pen if at all possible.

Note: If the 'Key Woman' of your local church, or the corresponding secretary of one of your Adult groups, has not received the pages for the Anniversary Book and the information concerning them, please write to:

The Anniversaries' Committee
The Women's Missionary Society, W.D.
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West
Toronto 1, Ontario

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Send orders directly to the LIFE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1.

All cheques or money orders should be payable to the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and if payment is made by cheque please include exchange.

JOY TO THE WORLD

by JEAN E. SONNENFELD, B.A.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King."

THE OLD CAROL woke us from our light sleep. We had been expecting the young people from the church all night. Shyly, they filed into the house for a quick cup of cocoa, before going on their way to sing for the rest of their friends and fellow Church members. Christmas Day would be dawning before they could go home and catch a couple of hours' sleep. All across the Rim of East Asia, similar groups of Christian young people spend Christmas Eve carolling. In the morning, the young people of Taiwan must return to work or school as usual, but, on the rest of the Rim, Christmas Day is a holiday, and the Christians will be going to church to hail the birth of their Saviour.

The faces of our Carollers had been aglow with light-hearted, youthful joy, but I wondered what joy the rest of the Rim finds on Christmas Day. I thought of the teen-agers from Quemoy, at the Tamkang Middle School in Tamsui, Taiwan. Just before Christmas, they lost their families in the shelling of the Island. The school had brought them to Taiwan to give them what their families could never again provide — love, shelter, and an education. At the School's Christmas party, where I met them, their recent grief crowded all Yuletide joy from their bewildered faces. Yet Christ came at Christmas to bring joy to these orphans, too. How could His joy now fill their shattered lives?

Others, up and down the Rim of East Asia, are wondering at Christmas, as at all times, about members of their families living across the Bamboo Curtain, in Communist China or North Korea. They have given up hope of seeing them again, and have built a new life in South Korea, Japan, Taiwan or Hong Kong — husbands without their wives; parents without their children; children without their parents. The lonely search for acceptance in a new community fills them with bitterness and uncertainty. Many have outwardly found their place in their new home, but many others are still searching. They need the assurance that the homeless Christ Child was born for them. In a short time He, too, was to know exile. Yet He showed men how to be at home in a hostile world, burdened by an uneasy truce among the nations.

This, simply, is the joy of Christmas: — that the Lord *is* come — to the refugees in the caves of South Korea, and the shacks of Hong Kong; to the aborigines in the mountains of Taiwan; to the Koreans in the crowded slums of Japan; to the labourers in the lowlands of Taiwan; and, as well, to the industrialists and Government officials, in their comfortable homes along the Rim. The Lord is come to all of them; yet the joy remains obscured, while the earth hesitates to receive her King. The divisions in the nations of the Rim, along with the oppression, suspicion, and discrimination, found there, as in other nations, prevent the earth from receiving her King.

Nevertheless, the King *is* received wherever Christian groups worship Him on Christmas Day, or Carollers sing His praise in the dark chill of Christmas Eve. The insecure refugee, and the comfortable businessman, as they kneel together, both recognize that the Lord is come. As they receive Him into their lives, so they receive His joy, to spread to the millions on the Rim who have not perceived His coming. Their problems will remain with them as long as the whole earth does not receive her King, but those who have received Him have received the peace within themselves, that places their worries in a different perspective. They find that the Christmas Babe was born to conquer the problems of our modern world, along with sin and death. So with hopeful joy they receive Him.

With the Carollers let us pray at Christmas: —

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King."

(NOTE: We would remind you of the booklet "Programmes for Special Meetings" in the 1962-63 *programme packet for Adult groups. In the booklet you will find a programme for "A Christmas Meeting" which we are sure you will enjoy using at your Christmas meeting.)*

Are you looking for a Gift —
One that is new every month of the year,
Yet costs no more than a Dollar?
Look no further —
You have it in your hand
Right now !
How many "Glad Tidings" will you give
This Christmas-tide?

IMMIGRATION

by MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS

Director of Immigration,
the Presbyterian Church in Canada

WHAT AN INTERESTING experience it is to see the stately ships coming in to the piers! Far below the decks, the strong little tugs guide the great liners, with tow ropes, to the docks. Then the ship is secured, the gang planks are put in place, and the shore activity begins. After the baggage is removed from the ship, the passengers disembark. Most of the passengers are travellers returning from a holiday overseas, or coming on a holiday to Canada, or the United States. Always there are some folk who are coming to make a new home in Canada, and to them we give special attention.

The needs are varied and many. Some of the travellers are confused, when they see so much luggage; these need assistance in locating their cases, which are often just there in front of them, or perhaps they have been put under the wrong letter. Some are weary, and their great desire is to get to journey's end. Others are anxious to have their luggage checked quickly by the Customs officers; perhaps their relatives are waiting for them outside the entrance. There are the children too, waiting patiently for what seems to them the tiresome business of customs. I think of the little girl who was so happy when she discovered her lovely doll's carriage with the rest of the family's belongings. Quickly the wrappings were torn off the carriage, the doll, which she was carrying, was placed in the blankets, and the little girl was contented. I remember, too, the baby I saw this morning, who, although not well, smiled, and tried to wink (a new trick he had just learned), at the ship's steward, who was holding him in his arms while the mother looked after her luggage. I recall the little lad who, when the family luggage was being checked, was asked what he had in the small bag he was carrying. His reply was, "Only a few sweeties, Sir."

On many of the ships, there are the immigrants who do not speak the English language. Our Miss Lukes, who can converse also in French and German, is able to give much valuable assistance. It is wonderful to see the look of pleasure on the face of one who does not speak English, when he is greeted in his own language. To him, the situation is not nearly so frightening, now that he has found someone who understands him.

For all, there is great excitement and anticipation of what life in the new land will hold for them. There are the elderly folk, who have left their homes to spend their years of retirement with a son or daughter, who has made a place for them in their home in the new land. There are the young people, who eagerly look forward with great hope and expectation to the new life in Canada. There are those, who, because of necessity and conditions in their own land, have had to seek refuge in another country.

Of this latter group, I had the pleasure of meeting a group of Chinese refugees, who recently arrived at one of our large airports in Canada. As I watched them come down the ramp of the plane and walk over to the Immigration rooms, there was a prayer in my heart that these people would find, in our land, Christian love and understanding, so that the sufferings of the past would soon be forgotten.

But we would emphasize, again and again, that although the work of those at the ports is important, the *most* important part is in the reception of the newcomers in the areas in which they make their homes. At the ports of entry, we welcome the immigrant in the name of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but the lasting welcome must come from the members of the local congregations, where the stranger is made to feel at home, and knows that he is among friends.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

ALL FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!

THIS MONTH, space will not permit a real "review" of any of these books which I am recommending as possible Christmas gifts! Every one is thoroughly worth-while, however — well-written, timely, and of absorbing interest, and any of them would be a real joy, either to give to someone who appreciates good reading, or to find among your own personal parcels on Christmas morning. All may be ordered through our Publications Department.

"HIGHLAND HERITAGE" by Grace Campbell, who wrote "The Thorn-Apple Tree," is a genuine find for anyone with a drop of Scots blood in their veins. Beautifully written, and with 27 splendid photographs, it breathes the unique spirit of the Highlands — its sturdy, warm-hearted people, scenery, history and legends — and includes the stories of over 70 Clans, with a list of 2,000 surnames, inter-related with them in some way. A "bonnie book," indeed. Price — $4.50.

"SERVANT OF SLAVES," by Grace Irwin, a Canadian Author, is quite different, but compellingly interesting, and written with a powerful pen which makes it difficult to put down the book until it is finished. This novel is based on the life of John Newton, who was both a slave-dealer and an infidel, but during a devastating storm at sea, became an inspired Christian, who, in later years, was one of the great evangelical Anglicans of his generation. It is this same John Newton who wrote some of the loveliest hymns found in our Hymn Book today. "Approach My Soul, the Mercy Seat," is one of them; "Great Shepherd of Thy People, Hear," is another. Most of this story is based on fact, taken from the studies and documents which the Author searched-out while studying in Europe; some of it is fictitious; but the love story of John and Mary Catlett is true to life and very beautiful. Price — $5.00.

"WATCHERS AT THE POND," by Franklin Russell, an expert student of nature and her ways, is a truly fascinating book for nature-lovers. The amazing galaxy of life to be found just in, and around, one small pond — the many cycles of minute living things; song birds and hawks; small animals; little living creatures, of many kinds, seeking food, watching for enemies, or seeking prey — is both dramatic and surprising, as well as perfectly factual and informative. Price — $5.00. Other wonderful books for those who love animals and birds, written by Hugh M. Halliday, one of Canada's best-known Nature Writers, are **"ADVENTURES AMONG BIRDS,"** and **"ADVENTURES AMONG ANIMALS,"** both priced at $3.95. Another grand book for boys is **"OWLS IN THE FAMILY,"** by Farley Mowat, another well-known Canadian author, but it will be thoroughly enjoyed by older readers too, I can assure you! This is also a true story, of Mr. Mowat's own boyhood in Saskatchewan, and particularly of the three years when he owned "Wol and Weeps," who really owned both him and his family. Price — $3.95.

"THE RANCH ON THE CARIBOO," by Alan Fry, who was born on a ranch in the rocky Cariboo country, is a book any man would enjoy reading. Crammed with excitement, it is a true and thrilling account of a ranch in British Columbia in the 1940's. Hunting bears; trailing lost horses; herding cattle through the dense bush; looking out for wolves and bob-cats —this story is filled with constant action and with many interesting characters. Price — $5.00.

"THE RANCHER TAKES A WIFE," by Richmond F. Hobson, is also a true story, a sequel to a previous book, and it takes the reader right along as Rich Hobson determinedly carves his longed-for ranch out of the unconquered wilderness some 575 miles north of Vancouver, and at last brings his bride to her wilderness home — a pretty blonde, city-raised girl, who knew much more about Interior Decorating than she did about life on a ranch. Price — $5.75. Then there is "Klondike," by the well-known Pierre Berton, himself a son of the Klondike, which is a real epic of the famous Gold-Days and the colourful characters who made their perilous trek into that fabulous northern land — Price — $6.00.

Thinking of those friends who love to travel, and to plan for dreamed-of trips, there is now an excellent series of paperback books which sell at $1.45 each, and are just the right size to slip into a travelling bag or big purse. These are carefully and authentically written, good reading, extremely useful and informative, and they include books on *Britain, London, France, Paris, Italy, Rome, Florence, Spain, Scandinavia, The Riviera,* and *Southern France.*

"BEYOND OUR SELVES," by Catharine Marshall, is a very helpful and thoughtful book, which deals with the matter of personal relationship with God, and seeks to answer many questions about faith, as the Author herself has found them in her own experiences, and in the lives of others. Price — $5.75. And the little book "Vital Possessions," by Grace Noll Crowell, contains fourteen Devotions of great beauty and meaning, both in prose and poetry, and based on those most important gifts in life, which increase in meaning with the years — The Bible; Church; Home; Country; Neighbours; Beauty; Memory — these are some of the themes and others are equally meaningful. A very worth-while gift. Price — $1.50.

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A Christmas Prayer

God bless
the little things
this Christmastide.
All the little
wild things
That live outside.

Little cold robins and
rabbits in the snow,
Give them good faring
and a warm place to go.
All little young things
for His Sake who died,
Who was a Little Thing
At Christmastide.

(Selected)

"SHE WHO GIVES A CHILD A BOOK"!

WHAT A TRULY wonderful gift it is — a *book,* something to be treasured, and read over and over again; to open the vision to wonder, adventure, beauty and knowledge; to be beloved and cared-for all through the years ahead, not alone for its interest, but because some Dear One gave it once at Christmas-tide, and so threw open wide the expansive doors to reading, and breadth of understanding! Let me tell you, then, about some of the splendid little books in our Publications Department, just waiting to make "the perfect gift" for those Little Folk of your own family circle, and those of friends and neighbours, both near and far — colourful and well-written, well worth-while to give to the children of Sunday School Classes and other Children's Groups of your Church; to tuck into small stockings for that little "extra" surprise; or maybe to have on hand for youngsters who come a-visiting.

For 15c each, there is a whole series of small and beautifully-illustrated Bible Hero Stories — just right for the proud New Reader to read by himself, or listen to when someone else "rocks and reads" — Daniel; Peter; Paul; Moses; Joseph; Women of the Bible; and, best of all, stories of Jesus, from His birth to resurrection. At this same price, also, are two "Fold'n Colour Card" booklets — "The Wise Men," and "The Baby Jesus" — which are bright and colourful, and ready to help small fingers learn creativeness. "Loving God," and "Prayers for Children," excellent Devotional books; the Picture Story Books — "Learning From Jesus" and "Living For Jesus;" "God's Gifts To Me," and "My First Story of Jesus"— all of these have nicely-coloured illustrations, and a Presentation Panel on the first page on which to write the name of the child and that of the giver. "Know The Books of The Bible," comes at 25c, and the Picture Surprise Books — "When Jesus Was Born," and "Favorite Bible Stories," are priced at 35c. These are written in poetry, and each facing page has a coloured illustration, with a surprise-flap to lift up and complete the picture.

I must tell you, too, about some lovely little booklets for "older young folk," and which make delightful small gifts for Shut-Ins, Senior Citizens, Hospital patients — for anyone at all, for that matter, instead of a Christmas Card! They cost but 20c apiece, are artistically coloured and illustrated all through their 16 pages, which are filled with poems, stories, Bible Selections, prayers, and sometimes musical numbers. These are — "Christmas Joy; Christmas Carols; Words of Cheer; Garden of Cheer; Precious Promises; Victorious Christian Living; Bible Treasures; Portals To Bible Study; Prayer Time; What The Bible Teaches About Prayer; Cheer Along The Way; Favourite Psalms; Prelude To Prayer" — and, for a Tiny Tot, the "A.B.C. Book About Jesus."

Well known indeed are the Eagle Books, a long and excellent series of them, any one of which offers thrilling reading in the true biography of a well-known, outstanding Christian man or woman. These cost 15c apiece, and here are a few Titles, chosen from a wide selection — "The Book In The Pillow" — the story of Adoniram Judson of Burma; "They Called Him Traitor" — Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan; "African Eagle" — Aggrey of Achimota; "Deep-Sea Doctor" — Wilfred Grenfell, of Labrador; "Crowned by Cannibals" — John Geddie, of the South Seas; "They Thought He was Mad" — Albert Schweitzer of Africa: "Get Through Or Die" — David Livingstone; "Soldier's Heroine" — Florence Nightingale; "All God's Chillun" — William Wilberforce; "Mary and The Black Warriors" — Mary Slessor of Africa. Cloth-bound, for more permanent keeping, and priced at $1.00 each, are — "The Monk Who Shook The World" — Martin Luther; "Horseman of The King" — John Wesley; "Wizard of The Great Lake" — Alexander MacKay; "Forest Doctor" Albert Schweitzer; "White Queen" — Mary Slessor; "Trail Maker"— David Livingstone.

Outstandingly different, and very good indeed, are these three new books, added this year to the Buckskin Series for Young People, and written against the background of Canada's own history. Each of these is written by a Canadian writer, was a prize-winner in a recent Publisher's Competition, and costs $1.50. "The Great Canoe," by Adelaide Leitch, is the story of a little Huron boy, who helped Champlain in his battle against the Iroquois; "West To The Cariboo," by Lorrie McLaughlin, is the tale of two children's adventures, as they travelled with some prairie settlers, in search of their Father, who had gone gold-prospecting in the Cariboo district of the great Rockies; "Gabriel's Cloak," by Beulah Swaze, tells of a small French-Canadian girl who was captured by Indians, grew up with them, but finally was returned safely to her parents. Filled with danger and adventure, these are stories which any Canadian child would rejoice to receive at Christmas-time. (L. M. C.)

December S. O. S.

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Miss Teen-Ager

CHRISTMAS IN TAIWAN

by JOYCE A. SUTHERLAND

WITH THE Christmas season just around the corner, you, our teenage friends in Canada, will (no doubt) be thinking of Yuletide parties, special shopping lists, and Christmas trees with gifts heaped beneath them. You'll be practicing Christmas hymns, pantomimes and cantatas describing the birth of the baby Jesus. You'll be looking forward to snow on the hills, and ice on the pond, to make your Christmas vacation an even happier one.

In Taiwan, Christmas means little or nothing to 95 percent of the population. They have no reason to celebrate. The important holiday and religious festival is the Chinese New Year, a month or so after Christmas, when people feast, and exchange visits and New Year cakes, and dress in their holiday best. The celebration of Christmas is centred in the Church and the Christian community, where the activities are very similar to the ones you know.

Students at the Tamkang Christian Middle School in Tamsui have no holiday to look forward to, not even on Christmas day. Nevertheless there is something special about this season of the year. At times the air seems full of music, as the school choirs and choral groups practice their Christmas music. They will sing in Church Schools, Churches and chapels, at their own Christmas service at the School, and annual Christmas variety programme. Christian and non-Christian students will participate, and through these and other activities of the season, some may come to inquire more deeply into the meaning of the Christian faith, and accept for themselves God's Christmas gift — His only begotten Son.

In Churches and Chapels throughout Taiwan, there are busy preparations. Choirs practice ambitiously, many even working on Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. They may be accompanied by a weak little reed organ, and their presentation may be far from polished, but still one can thrill to the music.

Christmas trees have found their way into Taiwanese Churches, and are often decorated with used Christmas cards sent by people across the sea. Sometimes an artist in the congregation paints a large mural, showing the star beaming over Bethlehem, the Wise Men approaching on their camels, and the shepherds on the hillside wondering at the brilliance of the strange light about them. The mural is then stretched across the front of the church. The same carols that are sung by people in Canada, and elsewhere in the world, are sung here in Taiwanese, Mandarin Chinese, or in the several mountain dialects.

In the Church Schools the children are taught recitations and songs, even little dances, interpreting the message of Christmas peace and joy. These will be presented at a special programme on Christmas Sunday, just as children in Canada will be saying their little "pieces" and singing their little songs.

One of the highlights of the musical year in Taipei City occurs during the Christmas season. A large choir with supporting soloists, sponsored by the Taipei Y.M.C.A., sings Handel's "The Messiah." This choir, directed by one of our Presbyterian Pastors, gives a polished and inspiring performance. Quite a few of our students at the Taiwan Theological College are members of this choir.

On Christmas eve, the young people of the congregation go out carolling. They make the rounds of all the homes of the congregation, stopping outside their gates, or under their windows, to sing Christmas carols and then wish the occupants and their neighbours a Merry Christmas! Each year we have been awakened at odd hours throughout the night by the sweet strains of the carollers. This is an old custom in Taiwan and a lovely one.

The Taiwanese people love to sing. But there is another way of expressing the Christmas spirit, and that is showing God's love by our deeds. There are many people in Taiwan, as in other parts of the world, who are lonely and forgotten —children in orphanages, inmates in jails, old people in institutions, patients chronically or hopelessly ill in hospitals, poverty - stricken families, for whom life is a constant struggle paying few dividends. At Christmas time, Christian people, Church groups, and charitable organizations remember many of these less fortunate people by bringing to them a word of comfort and some small gift — a tooth brush, some sweets, a little toy, a comb, a cake of soap. But to most of them, Christmas has no personal significance, and the best gift they could receive is the gift of the Son of God, and the assurance of His salvation.

About the time when the Church choirs are practicing their Hallelujah's, "Old Man Christmas" joins the window displays in the larger cities. Stationery stores suddenly are stocked with rows of Christmas cards, and florists are busy wiring extra branches onto spindly Christmas trees. From record shops "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells" blare out over the neighborhood. The souvenir and handicraft shops enjoy a brisk trade, especially when westerners crowd in, looking for gifts to send to loved ones at home. Here and there, a Christian businessman places a simple creche in his shop window. But in towns and villages Christmas goes by unnoticed by most people, and only the Christians understand the significance.

Among the Taiwanese there is very little exchange of gifts at Christmas. Perhaps a little basket of oranges is received from a friend or relative. Children may be given something special if the parents can afford it. But for many of them a little gift of candy, cake, or a toy, or a pretty Christmas card, is the only gift they will receive. Very few homes will have a Christmas tree. But many people, both Christians and non-Christians, will send greetings to their friends.

In Taiwan, the vivid red poinsettia is associated with the Christmas season — just as snow and Christmas time go hand-in-hand in most parts of Canada. This flower begins to bloom a few weeks before Christmas, and you see it towering over fences, blooming in flower pots, and everywhere adding its brilliant colouring to homes and gardens. But poinsettias, smiling Santas, cannot speak of the Spirit of Christmas to Taiwanese people, who know nothing of Christ. Only the message of the Christian Church is meaningful — that God sent His Son into the world that the world through Him might be saved.

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TO AN UNKNOWN WOMAN!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

Oh Mary, gentle Mary, who gave you heed—
Was there no kind woman in your hour of need?
Joseph would be troubled, as is every man
Who has faced creation since the world began;
Came there wife of stableman, startled at his call,
Hasting through the darkness to that lowly stall?
Old, mayhap, and weary, yet tender with your pain;
Comforting, as in your arms the young Child was lain?
Gone when all was over — what knew she of Kings,
She who toiled with oxen, and earth's homely things?
Unknown now, and nameless, who could then suspect
That such a simple woman was of God's elect?
Yet, when Wise Men worshipped, who is there to say
That sheltered in the shadows, she came not back to pray?
And who knows but Mary's eyes, deep with wise content,
Looked — and saw a halo where that humble head was bent!

Boys and Girls!

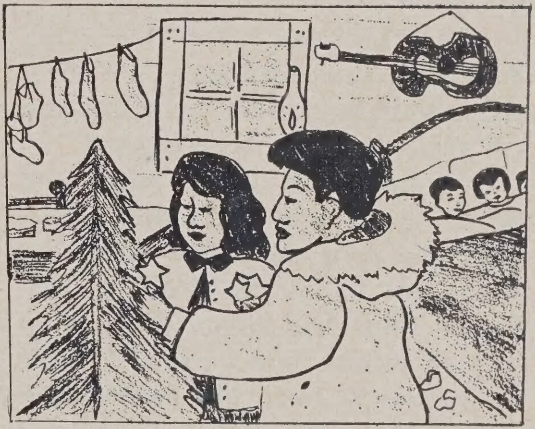
A STAR FOR WILLIAM

by MARION SERVICE (from World Friends)

WILLIAM'S HOME stood at the end of the Indian Reservation. He could see the beautiful white smoke rising from the chimney of his white log cabin in the forest. This meant that Mother was home from the Hudson's Bay Store with the toboggan and new food supplies. William shouted to little Sarah Jane, "Ginipe, (hurry), we must hurry and help Mother. This is the day Dad comes home from the trap-line." William was even happy about his chores, today. Father had been out trapping in the forest for many weeks, and now, today, he was coming home with the dog-team, and fresh meat for Christmas. How William longed to go out with Father too, but Mother had decided to remain behind so that her children might attend school. Father could keep the winter camp and so it had been.

"Tonight is Christmas Eve," Sarah Jane said. "If we have been good, a star may shine for you, and one for me."

"How do you know?" asked William.



Trimming the Tree

"Because Mother said so."

William laughed, thinking it all was a joke.

He skipped along the trail, jumping high into the air to stab the snow-laden tree branches with a stick. Then he laughed with his sister as they ran through the soft, wet snow, falling from above at William's command.

At home, Mother was busy making bannock cakes, and cooking fish for supper. The bannock and fish smelled so good that William picked up the water pail without even a reminder, and raced down to the frozen lake. At the waterhole, he used Father's big stick to break the ice over the opening, then filled up his pail, and struggled up the path to the cabin where Mother was waiting. Mother smiled at her son as he appeared in the frosty air of the open doorway, and helped him with his load.

William's fingers were very cold, so he warmed himself beside Mother's good fire.

"This fire won't last too long, William," said Mother. "We need some more wood. All the sticks you cut yesterday have been burned."

William pulled on his mitts, and went out to find his father's axe. Here, he split the wood carefully, so as not to cut his foot like his friend John had done. Finally he had an armful and carried it back to Mother's fire. He tossed the wood to the floor with a crash, and smiled with satisfaction.

By now, the fish and bannock were finished cooking. How good it all smelled! Just then a dog was heard. Then another and another! Then Father's sleigh, laden with meat and fish, was pulled up to the door by his five noisy dogs. Everyone raced to the door to welcome him. Hurriedly Father settled his tired dogs, with some fish for supper, and left them to rest on some hay near a tree shelter.

In the house all was ready for supper. William looked around the table. There were five in his family once more. Five were all at home for a Merry Christmas with Father, whose strong arms could help carry wood and break ice in the waterhole. Especially, he could play the guitar for them. There it had hung on the wall for many weeks without a sound. Now they could play, and sing and do the Indian jig.

Father said, "Thank you" to God for their food, then he ate hungrily after his long, cold run behind the dog team.

After supper Father took down the guitar and soon the air was gay with his tunes. Sarah Jane couldn't keep still any longer, so she jigged a lively dance in her new moccasins. Then William began to jig wildly round and round his sister, in man's style. All the while, Mother's scrubbed floor boards squeaked with the rhythm.

After much laughter and fun, it was time for bed. The children hung their stockings near the fire.

"Hang up your moccasins, too!" said Father, with a laugh.

And soon three moccasins hung beside the stockings.

John, and Sarah Jane, and even William, were very tired. Already they could hear the carollers from the school, walking and singing from home to home. The carols, the faint howl of a dog across the lake, the whisper of the soft snow blowing, soon lulled the children to sleep.

Mother put the fresh pies out ready for the Christmas dinner. Then Father brought a lovely tree in from his sleigh. Mother helped him stand it near the children's bed, then a shiny star was hung on it for William, a star for Sarah Jane, and one for Baby John. Mother and Father looked around the snug cabin. They were very happy as they said a Christmas prayer to God for each Indian child asleep in the frosty silent forest, beneath the northern lights.

Of Special Interest!

A new feature for the 1962-63 Missionary Study for children is a packet of four pictures — two of Formosa and two of Japan — with stories printed on the back telling of some of the work of the Women's Missionary Society. This packet may be purchased from the W.M.S. Publications Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1. Price — 50c.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT

What can a mother give her children
Greater today than this one great thing —
Faith — in an old, sweet beautiful story,
A star — a stable — a new-born King!

Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness,
Hold it for warmth — when the day is cold —
Keep it for joy when youth goes singing,
Clasp it for peace when you are old.

What can a mother give her children,
More than a faith that will not dim?
Take it, my dear ones — hold it for ever;
A lamp for a lifetime — faith in Him!

(Grace Noll Cromwell)

BETHLEHEM!

(Written many years ago by the late Rt. Rev. Bishop R. J. Renison)

BETHLEHEM! What a beautiful word! It is lovely for its associations, but it also has a glorious sound in any language. It means "the house of bread"; the word is peculiarly fitted to carry the Christmas message of grandeur, loneliness, and romance, and it speaks of the Eternal. It suggests the intimacy of the cradle, and the granite eternity of Divine life. It sounds like the love of Christ.

Rachel, the wife of Jacob, was buried there nearly four thousand years ago. It was from there that Naomi went out into exile at Moab, and came again with Ruth, who has cast her spell over its golden fields for more than two thousand years "when, sick for home, she stood in tears amid the alien corn".

David was born in Bethlehem. It was the water from its well that he longed for, when he went among the hills like a hunted partridge before he came to the throne, and it was of this village that Micah, the Prophet, 739 years before the coming of Christ foretold the birth of the Saviour. "Thou Bethlehem of the land of Judah, out of thee shall He come forth to be the Ruler of Israel."

When we sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," we are not singing of a mythical place like Atlantis, but a spot on the present map, a town of today with a history. It is only seven miles from Jerusalem; there is a sign post at the foot of the hill: — "Drive Slowly!" There are homes and people. You will still find shepherds in the fields. There is a church built by Constantine the Great, as a thank-offering, and a very low door in a wall where you enter. People worship there, but you must go down below the level of the ground on stairs, which are symbols of the Incarnation, which brings us to our knees in the Creed, until in the cave beneath we see a star set in the floor, and we read in Latin: "Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary." You will find a Greek priest with a black beard, curled like that of a Assyrian king, and little children come silently down to kiss the Star in the candlelight, and whisper a prayer.

Human nature is very prosaic. It is a comfort to us to remember that the Saviour of the world was born in a place which every one knows. If we want to see Christ, we have to get up and go there; the Wise Men were the first to discover that. When people say that God is everywhere, of course it is true; we can find Him in the sky over any land. We can find Him in our hearts, but somehow the Christmas story tells us that there is a certain value in going to Bethlehem, which every one of us can do in spirit. Every one must find the Saviour for himself. When He was in Galilee; when he died on Calvary, and the veil of the Temple was rent, as if the mysterious Presence had swept out to redeem the world; it is this very principle that carries on today—we may all go, as the shepherds went, to meet Jesus Christ.

But Bethlehem is not only a place. It is a loyalty, a passion of faith and love. As Christmas draws near, we who live on this Western continent, unknown to men in the days of Christ, should remember that Bethlehem means different things. First, the heart of the Christian faith. You can travel across the ocean by airplane and find the place. Some people will see only the foreground: — they can imagine a baby, a mother, a shed — but this is not what Christianity sees in it. Saint John, describing the coming of Christ, gives the Divine picture. "In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Here are the lofty mountains of eternity, and here is the roll of the ocean of the Divine purpose, the sunlit waves of Divine life driven by the waves of the spirit, to break on the shores of human experience.

"And the Word was made Flesh" —God made flesh, a God who cuts sharply through our smugness, our complacency, our hypocrisy, and our greed; a God who smashes through our little walls of race, color, and prejudice. Today, as ever, false gods are calling — Mars, the god of war, is still active; Venus is calling and her votaries crowd the temples of pleasure; Mammon is calling, and this god of the bestial face and selfish heart is, as usual, on a high throne lording it over the lives of men.

Many people do not understand that true Christians are never satisfied until Jesus Christ is born in them. William Blake once wrote: "Nor shall the sword rest in my hand, till I have built Jerusalem, in England's green and pleasant land." The Christmas festival is an opportunity for every Christian to build his own Bethlehem in his heart.

(From the Editor's Scrapbook.)

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ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Show us the road to Bethlehem
This Christmas Day;
We have heard of joy in Bethlehem
But we do not know the way;
Follow the road that goes by the Cross
And you cannot miss the way! (Selected)

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. of St. Aiden's Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster,* the Guest Speaker was the Rev. E. T. Bragg, of Central Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* who illustrated with interesting slides an Address on his time spent in British Guiana, giving a very clear insight into life in that land. President, Mrs. M. Magee, introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. Christie presented the Vote of Thanks. Mrs. Downey and Mrs. Atlee sang a duet, and the Meeting was closed with Prayer by the Rev. E. T. Bragg. A social hour over the teacups was enjoyed at the close of the Service.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—The Elizabeth Rae Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* held their Opening Autumn Meeting at the home of the Misses Audrey and Cora Elliott. This was preceded by a Barbeque Supper served on the patio overlooking the City, and, following the regular Meeting, a Sing-Song of familiar, old hymns was held. The October Thank-Offering Meeting of this Auxiliary was held in Grace Presbyterian Church, when the Devotional Period on "The Meaning of Thankfulness" was conducted by Mrs. A. Godfreet. The Study Theme, was "Women of the New Testament," particularly dealing with the lives of the three Marys, and of Martha.

The Autumn Tea, held under the auspices of *Calgary* Presbyterial, was convened by Mrs. Duncan Ballantyne, and held in the Gas Company Auditorium. Receiving Guests were President, Miss Shirley V. Scott; Mrs. W. H. Henry; Mrs. H. L. Simpson; Mrs. D. R. MacDonald; Mrs. K. C. Doka; Mrs. J. S. Morley; Mrs. Edmund Serres; and Mrs. G. A. Hadjiantoniou. Out of town guests, also assisting, were Mrs. Goron Firth and Mrs. E. Hiscock, of *Banff*; Mrs. H. W. Rose, of *Bassano*; Mrs. C. J. Davidson, of *Three Hills.* Auxiliary Presidents of *Calgary* Presbyterial presided at the Tea Urns; Mrs. A. P. Forrester was Tea Convener; Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mrs. R. D. Jones had charge of the Homecooking Table. Proceeds of this Tea are to be used for the Presbyterian Fellowship House, in *Winnipeg.*

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Douglas R. Conlan, B.A. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* in his Address to the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* told of the Church Camp at *Sandstone Lake*. President, Mrs. K. N. Hearnden presided, and the Worship Service was given by the Rev. Agnew H. Johnston, D.D., the Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. C. Graham and Mrs. W. Murray reported on the W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre at *Edmonton,* which they attended. Mrs. Charles LeCocq expressed the appreciation of the Meeting to those taking part.

Fall flowers added beauty to the first Evening Tea of the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S . of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* recently, when guests were received by Auxiliary President, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett; Presbyterial President, Mrs. D. McDougall; and Mrs. D. R. Conlan, wife of the Minister. Many visitors were present from the *Fort William* Auxiliaries, and from Oliver Road and Calvin Churches as well.

At the first Fall Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* a brief "Summary of Mission Work in British Guiana" was given by President, Mrs. W. A. Hunter. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Wm. Comba and Mrs. A. Grant, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett was pianist. Announcement was made of the Fall Rally, and of the Thank-Offering Meeting to follow. Secretarial Reports were given, and donations for the bale brought in.

A Meeting of *Manitoba* Synodical Sub-Executive was held in the home of Mrs. M. M. Spidell, *Port Arthur,* with President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, presiding, and conducting the Worship Service. Departmental Reports were received and discussed. The Meeting was closed with prayer by the President, following which refreshments were served.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—A Sectional Meeting of this Presbyterial was held at the Manse, *Selkirk,* when eight members of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial travelled to *Selkirk* for the Meeting. First Vice-President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon presided, and Mrs. A. A. Anderson, President of *Selkirk* Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, welcomed the visitors. Supply Secretary, Mrs. L. Harbottle, spoke of her work, and Mrs. Estabrooke, Anniversaries' Convener, gave a résumé of plans to date, and also told of the W.M.S. Leadership Training Centre, held in *Edmonton, Alberta.*

In the absence of Treasurer, Miss Jane Dunwoody, the Treasurer's Report was given by Miss Winifred Nash, and Mrs. Albert Todd, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and Miss Elsie Miller, Children's Secretary, reported on the work of their Departments. Mrs. W. S. Smith, Secretary for Afternoon Groups, conducted the Worship Service, and the Presbyterial President, Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones gave an account of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto*. At the close of the Meeting, refreshments were served and an hour of social fellowship enjoyed.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Nobles, of Temple Baptist Church, *Chatham,* Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Chatham,* gave an interesting Address on her recent trip to the Holy Land. Mrs. J. Crabbe and Mrs. E. Hawkeswood sang a duet. President, Mrs. J. Johnston presided, and each member was given an envelope, with a letter and a blue "Glad Tidings Envelope" enclosed, which she was requested to mail to a friend, to help to increase subscriptions to "The Glad Tidings."

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Donald McInnes, of *Ridgetown,* President of *Hamilton* and *London* Synodical, presided at all sessions of the Executive Meeting in New St. James Presbyterian Church, *London,* and Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. R. S. Burnham, of *Sarnia,* and Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton.* The two Regional Secretaries, Miss Ruby Walker and Miss Clare Hanes, reported on their year's work, and the Synodical Secretaries and Treasurer presented their reports. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, of *Atwood* led in the Anniversaries Discussion, and Mrs. J. B. Russell was named Historian, due to the illness of Mrs. S. M. Scott, of *Kincardine,* the present Historian. Mrs. J. W. West, of *St. Thomas,* told of the Camp Work.

Annual Council Reports were presented by Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. L. Herold, of *Shakespeare*; Mrs. E. W. Kramp, of *Walkerton*; Mrs. A. B. Dobbie, of *Chippawa*; and Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton.* Mrs. Burnham also reported on the Week-End Camp, and Mrs. E. Spence, *Fort Erie,* told of the W. M. S. Training Centre at *Belleville.* It was reported that, through the years, 80 young people, who attended Kintail Camp, have offered themselves for full-time service in the Church. The next Synodical Meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham,* on April 3-4-5, 1963.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — A joint Anniversary Service was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Seaforth,* when the W. M. S. Auxiliary of this Church celebrated an 85th Anniversary, and the Barbara Kirk-man W.M.S. Auxiliary, also of this Church, celebrated a 60th Anniversary. Mrs. D. J. Campbell, of *Hamilton* was Guest Speaker. Miss Belle Campbell, W.M.S. Auxiliary President, gave an Historical Review, and a Candle-Lighting Service added much to an impressive Anniversaries Celebration.

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WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—

When the Goforth Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit* celebrated the 50th Anniversary, many Home Helpers attended, and Mrs. D. S. Jackson welcomed guests. Mrs. K. Hendry conducted the Worship Service on the theme "Continuing in the Faith," and Mrs. Boaretti and Mrs. Wagland presented a Panel on the Anniversaries' Celebrations planned for 1964 in Montreal. Mrs. Winer gave the Auxiliary History. Mrs. John McLelland was the first President. Three of the original members were present — Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Fay, and Miss Agnes Gray. The bale of layettes and children's clothing was on display. Mrs. Terry and her Committee served refreshments.

Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, installed the Officers, and outlined the organization and work of the W. M. S., at the meeting when the newly-organized Young Women's Guild of Wychwood Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was affiliated with the W. M. S. Plans were made for Group projects in the coming season.

The Annual Meeting of Section 2, of West Toronto Presbyterial, was held in Boston Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. J. H. Weylie, of *Streetsville,* and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, of *Georgetown,* presided. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Duncanson, *Norval,* and Mrs. T. Bradley, *Milton.* Mrs. John McClure, *Georgetown,* sang. Brief reports were given by the visiting Auxiliaries, and from the two girls who attended *Glen Mohr Camp.* Greetings were brought by Presbyterial members. Mrs. J. H. Douglas, of *Streetsville,* introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. H. W. Zegerius, Bonar Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* who spoke on the theme "Love," and its relationship to the Mission Work of the Church, at home and Overseas. Lunch was served by the ladies of Boston Presbyterian Church.

President, Mrs. John C. McFarlane, presided at both sessions of the Fall Rally of West Toronto Presbyterial, held in Patterson Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when Greetings were brought by the Rev. J. H. Lattimore, B.A., Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery; Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council Executive; Mrs. Paul Newton, Synodical President; Mrs. H. Hogg, President, East Toronto

Presbyterial. The Rev. J. M. Drennan, M.A., B.D., Minister of Patterson Presbyterian Church, spoke. During the Question - and - Answer Period, Mrs. S. A. Milne reported on the Anniversary Projects, and on the Canteen work at the Ontario Hospital on Queen St. W., in *Toronto,* which is shared with the Women's Organizations of other Churches and Faiths. Mrs. L. Moore described the Programme at the W. M. S. Training Centre in *Belleville,* and told of the help and inspiration gained there.

The menace of Communism in the world today was stressed by Mrs. A. Smith, Literature Secretary. Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, veteran of 38 years of Missionary work in *Formosa,* briefly told of her work there. The highlights of the evening session was the Address of Miss Patricia Hanna, B.A., Youth Delegate to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, in *New Delhi, India.*

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL— Guests were present from *Cardinal, Dixon's Corners, Iroquois, Ventnor, Spencerville* and *Prescott,* when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Mainsville,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary. Also present were the United Church Women of *Pittstown, Mainsville,* and other areas, as well as the *Cardinal* Sunshine Class. President, Mrs. Herbert Byers presided, and the Rev. Jonathon H. Greene, of *Cardinal* conducted the Worship Service. Presbyterial Greetings were sent by President, Mrs. C. Brown, of *Cardinal,* and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Wm. Fitzsimmons, of *Beaverton,* gave an interesting and informative address. The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Greene sang a duet. An historical sketch of the Auxiliary was also given by Mrs. Greene.

The 25th Anniversary of the Goforth W. M. S. Evening Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Kemptville,* was celebrated by a Pot Luck Supper and Special Programme. A Skit, "The Passing Years," was presented, and a brief history of the Auxiliary was given, from its formation in 1937, under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Morrison; Mrs. Charles Robertson; and Mrs. B. D. Armstrong. The first Officers were, Miss Hazel Robinson, President; Mrs. Grace Patterson, Secretary; Mrs. Clarence Maevson, Treasurer. For this Anniversary Meeting Mrs. Grace Patterson, of *Ottawa,* who was the first Secretary of the Group, presented a beautifully decorated Birthday Cake.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Executive Meeting of *Montreal* and *Ottawa* Synodical was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maxville,* with President Mrs. T. R. Gates presiding. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. W.

S. MacLean, of *Maxville,* and Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, of *Cornwall.* Mrs. I. D. McIver, of *Maxville,* welcomed delegates, and Mrs. D. Hyndman, of Kemptville, replied. Reports of the Annual Council Meeting were given by Presbyterial delegates, Mrs. C. Brown, *Brockville*; Mrs. Charles Falconer, *Glengarry*; Mrs. W. S. Reid, *Montreal*; Mrs. J. D. Jack, *Lanark and Renfrew*; Mrs. J. M. Mooney, *Ottawa*; and Mrs. W. W. Laurison, *Quebec.* Mrs. W. S. Reid reported for the Anniversary Committee, and Mrs. J. R. Geddes told of the W.M.S. Training Centre in *Belleville.* Mrs. H. M. Clancy spoke on "Presbyterial Views of The Place of Women In The Church" and Mrs. J. A. Smith reported on the *Winnipeg* Fellowship House. Introduced by the President, Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Guest Speaker, told of her work on the Bhil Field, *India.* The Report of the Nominating Committee was received, and the Rev. I. D. MacIver closed the Meeting with the benediction.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—At the 85th Anniversary Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Ormstown, Quebec,* President, Miss Mabel Elvidge, presided, and the Rev. J. C. Hood, B.D., conducted the Worship Service. Mrs. Mary McNiel, a Past President and one of the oldest Auxiliary members, gave the Auxiliary history since its formation in 1877. Mrs. Lindsay Cullen sang, accompanied by Mrs. M. Barrington. The Guest Speaker, the Rev. W. H. Brown, M.A., Minister of St. David's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* Ont., was introduced by Mrs. Edwin Hooker, and spoke on "The Importance of Women In the Church." Mrs. A. McNaughton thanked the Speaker.

An impressive Candle - Light Service followed, during which six candles were lighted in honour of the Auxiliary founders; past and present Officers; the whole W. M. S. membership; the Mission Boards and their work; Missionaries, at home and Overseas; and Young Peoples Work — Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T., Explorers, and Children of the Church. Those taking part were Miss M. Swan; Mrs. O. Goodall; Mrs. J. Anderson; Mrs. J. C. Hood; Mrs. N. McCaig, and Mrs. A. Gruer; with Mrs. Ward Rember closing the Service with prayer.

Greetings from Montreal Presbyterial were brought by President, Mrs. Ronald Rowat; from the *South African* General Mission, by Mrs. Einar Fossum, Missionary from *Northern Rhodesia;* and letters of regret were read by Mrs. O. Goodall from Mrs. Anderson, St. Edward's Church, *Beauharnois, Que.*, and from Charter Member, Miss Annie Sangster. Mrs. George McWhinnie, the other Charter Member, was unable to attend.

President, Miss M. Elvidge welcomed guests, who included members of *Montreal* Presbyterial Executive; friends from *South Shore* Presbyterian Churches, and from *Ormstown* Anglican and United Churches. At the Social Hour in the Church Hall, Mrs. J. C. Hood and Miss Mabel Elvidge poured tea at the Buffet Table, centred with the beautiful Birthday Cake.

(Further news from the Synodicals of Toronto and Kingston; Hamilton and London; will appear in a later issue.)

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